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Elliott Story No. 1 For '62

NASHVILLE (BP) — No question about it — the dismissal of Professor Ralph H. Elliott was the No. 1 news story in the Southern Baptist Convention in 1962.

In the annual Baptist Press news service poll, the Elliott story outranked church-state issues such as the Supreme Court ruling on school prayers, public aid to sectarian schools and Baptists borrowing money from the government.

A related doctrinal story came in second to the Elliott dismissal. This was the appointment of a special committee by the 1962 convention to restudy a statement of faith

and message adopted at the 1925 convention.

The Elliott story, voted on by Baptist Press editors from coast to coast, claimed 23 first-place votes and four second-place votes in running up a total of 285 points.

The appointment of a committee composed of state Baptist convention presidents to restudy Baptist doctrine secured four first-place votes and enough lesser-balloted positions to amass 24 points.

The Baptist defense of the U. S. Supreme Court ruling on school prayers mustered three first-place votes and considerable support for other positions

and won 219 points.

Elliott Story Unanimous

Every one of the 30 editors voting marked the Elliott story, the committee appointment and the reaction to the Supreme Court decision as among the top 10 stories in Southern Baptist life in 1962.

The editors were asked to rate in declining order, 1 through 10, their choice of the 10 major SBC stories of the year. A first-place vote was good for 10 points, a second-place vote for nine points, third-place for eight, 10th place for one point.

None of the other possible choices for top stories was

marked unanimously. None of the others claimed a first-place vote either.

Elliott, the Midwestern Seminary author and teacher, was dismissed following a controversy raging over his interpretations in the book, "The Message of Genesis."

Trustees of the Kansas City, Mo., school let him go after he declined to voluntarily withhold the book from a second printing after the first one had sold out.

The committee of state presidents will report to the 1963 convention on their restudy of the 1925 statement on faith and message. The appointment of the committee was an indirect result of the Elliott controversy.

With some exceptions, Southern Baptists generally defended the supreme court ruling outlawing schoolroom prayers prescribed by public school boards.

FMB Story No. 5

Fourth in the list of major stories was that of Baptists being credited (or blamed) with defeat of public aid to sectarian colleges, when Congress faced the issue in September. It received 173 points.

In No. 5 spot came the announcement in October that the Number of SBC foreign missionaries had passed the 1600 mark. It rated 114 points.

Sixth place, with 109 points, went to debates in several state Baptist annual conventions in the fall of 1962 over whether Baptist colleges ought to receive government loans.

101 points were to the rejection of Baptists worldwide of any bid to send an official observer to the second Vatican council. Southern Baptists participated in the Baptist Alliance debate at Oslo, Norway. Because of the divided feeling of Baptists from various countries on the matter, no bid was sought.

Declining enrolment totals of the six SBC seminaries was marked for eighth-place story. It got 100 points. Although one seminary reported an increase, the total for the six seminaries was down over the year before.

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Chinese Mission Work Begun At First, Vicksburg

Mississippi Baptist mission work among the Chinese has been started in Vicksburg, the third such mission post in the state.

The new ministry will be a cooperative effort with the First Church in Vicksburg. Dr. John G. McCall, pastor, with services to be held the third Sunday afternoon in each month.

On a recent Sunday afternoon there were more than 30 Chinese present. Dr. McCall, who is teaching the men's class, said that the church is enthusiastic about the new program and that the prospects for growth are bright.

Greenville Has Mission

Mr. Chan, who is pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church in Cleveland, is a native of Hong Kong.

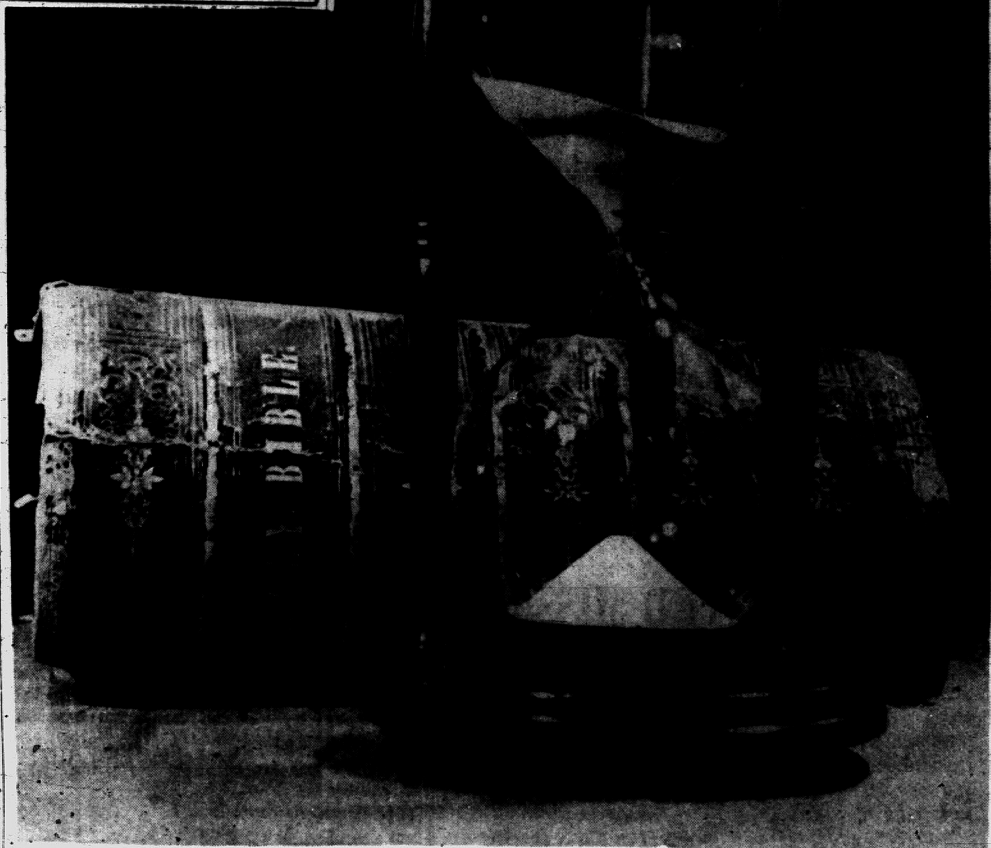
Besides the Cleveland Baptist Church, the First Baptist Church in Greenville has a mission program for the Chinese under the direction of Rev. L. R. Alford, mission pastor.

In each place the State Convention has placed a pastor.

Reynolds Named Music Director

NASHVILLE — William J. Reynolds, director of editorial services of the Sunday School Board's Church Music Department, will direct the music at the Baptist Youth Conference in Toronto in 1963 and at the Baptist World Alliance in Rio De Janeiro in 1964.

The youth committee of the Baptist World Alliance is planning the meeting. Dr. Reynolds directed the music at the Baptist Youth Conference in Toronto in 1958 and at the Baptist World Alliance in Rio De Janeiro in 1959.



RING IN THE NEW—"The old has passed away, behold, the new has come." (II Cor. 5:17 RSV). —RNS Photo.

Church Membership Growth In U. S. Levels Off In 1962

NEW YORK, N. Y., January 2 — For the first time in a hundred years, the percentage of church members in the nation's population has registered a decrease, the latest annual compilation of official church statistics reveals.

The decrease, — a mere two-tenths of one per cent — is significant in that it may indicate a halt in the steady rise — throughout the history of the United States — of the proportion of church members in the total population, statistics in the new Yearbook of American Churches show.

The 1963 issue of the Yearbook, to be published today, gives membership in America's churches and synagogues in 1961 as 116,109,929 for all faiths. This represents 63.4 per cent of the population as against 63.6 per cent a year earlier. Records of church membership since 1850 show that a decrease was registered only once before, in 1870, when church membership percentages were recorded as 18 per cent or five per cent less than the high of 23 per cent a year earlier.

Compilers of the Yearbook in the Bureau of Research and Survey, National Council of Churches explained church statistics have to be examined with the foreknowledge that not all churches reporting employ the same recording system.

Some Include Infants
Some include infants and all family members while others record only those received into membership by baptism. The

JANUARY IS 'MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH'

January is "Make Your Will Month" among Mississippi and Southern Baptists, it has been revealed by Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

In sponsoring the emphasis, Dr. Spencer urges every Mississippi Baptist of legal age to have an up-to-date will and prayerfully seek God's guidance in the disposition of his property.

"When you need a will, it is too late to make one," declared Dr. Spencer, who added, "your will expresses your plans, your love. Does it represent the will of God?"

The Foundation today is handling and investing hundreds of thousands of dollars for Baptist causes and institutions provided through the wills of Mississippi Baptists.

Agency of Convention
The Foundation, an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, (Continued on page 2)

present Yearbook carries statistics furnished by 258 religious bodies of all faiths, one less than reported in 1960 and three more in 1959.

For the first time since the last war 17 years ago, church membership percentage gains have fallen below the estimated population increase.

Church membership gains are 1.4 per cent in 1961, contrasting

with an estimated rise of 1.6 per cent in the nation's population. The ration had been 1.9 per cent against 1.8 per cent a year earlier. For the second year in succession, this may indicate that membership potential has leveled off at least temporarily.

The total number of pastors having charges is given as 942.

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BAPTISTS LOOK TO 1964 BIRTHDAY

NASHVILLE (BP) — Baptists across North America have drawn a bead on the same target — the year 1964.

That year, the climaxing one for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, will bring thousands of representatives from seven separate Baptist groups into a three-day celebration in Atlantic City, N. J.

Developments on the 1964 Sesquicentennial were outlined to Baptist leaders here by W. C. Fields, Public Relations Secretary for the Southern Baptist

Convention Executive Committee, Nashville.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance marks 150 years of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America. In the year 1814, North American Baptists founded a convention to promote foreign missions.

Fields told the 350 Baptist state executive secretaries, their associates in special field work and staff members of the sponsoring SBC Sunday School Board the celebration will occur in May, 1964.

The joint Atlantic City meetings will start on Friday night and run through Sunday afternoon, he said. Each church will be urged to send its pastor and at least one layman to Atlantic City.

During 1963, several things will be released to help commemorate the 150th birthday. These include films, books, a statement on Baptist ideals (not to be confused with the statement on Baptist faith and message within only the SBC), and other material.

The theme of the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention — "To Make Men Free" — will reflect the six-year theme of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, which is "For Liberty and Light," Fields added.

Haynes To Join SS Board Staff

NASHVILLE — Joe Haynes, of Jackson, Miss., will assume the position of superintendent of young people's work in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, February 1.

A native Texan, Haynes is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

At the present time, Haynes is an associate in the Sunday School Department of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, where he has served for five years. He was formerly minister of education of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

MOVEMENT—

Religion In Review

By Larry Ward, Secretary Evangelical Press Assn.

One thing was certain: 1962 was a year of movement.

Early in the year Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr. rocketed off into the skies to become America's first man in orbit—and millions of people around the globe followed his movement through the uncharted stretches of outer space.

Late in the year American warships moved out into the seas to fence in Cuba with a determined blockade.

And thus it went, as 1962 moved along. Space probes, military ventures, political marches: a year of movement.

In the world of religion, too, 1962 was marked by movement.

Millions Moved

Millions in the Church, were

moved to react as the U. S. Supreme Court handed down its historic verdict banning a Board of Regents-composed prayer in the public schools of the State of New York. Some were moved to righteous indignation, viewing this as a major step in an anti-God movement; others stood up to defend the legal aspects of the High Court's Decision.

Church bodies, too, were on the move. Most were moving along in a slow-but-steady pace—their progress marked by ever-increasing membership totals and burgeoning construction statistics. Some found their orbits drawing closer together.

and merger-talk (whether fact or fancy) linked the names of such groups as the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church; the Christian

Missionary Alliance and the Missionary Church Association; The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Reformed Church in America; plus the inevitable various and sundry Lutheran bodies. There was even the formation of an "unofficial but permanent committee" to explore the linking of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Moved to Pray
The names of Billie Sol Estes and Marilyn Monroe moved into tragic prominence in the headlines — and many in the United States were moved to sobering and conscience-stricken introspection.

Missionaries suffered personal hardships to an unusual degree: kidnappings; hospital raids; earthquakes; massacres. But through it all they found ways of taking advantage of unusual opportunities: witnessing at the Communist-sponsored World Youth Festival in Helsinki; broadening the outreach of radio and journalism in Latin America and Asia, translating the Scriptures into new tongues.

The sun was hot that summer afternoon along Chicago's lakefront . . . but few in the crowd of 116,000 seemed to mind — least of all the 1,729 who moved forward in response to the evangelistic appeal to register their decision for Christ. (All in all the aggregate attendance for Dr. Billy Graham's 19-day Chicago crusade exceeded 703,000 and the decision total

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PASTOR-DEACON

Banquets Average 100 Attendance To Date

Fourteen associational Pastor-Deacon Banquets, with a total attendance of 1,410, were held during November and December. It has been announced by W. R. Roberts, director of the statewide program.

Twenty-seven banquets have been planned for January through April, with nearly ev-

eryone of the 77 associations in the state expected to participate by Oct. 31, according to Mr. Roberts, who is State Representative of the Annuity Board in Dallas.

At each banquet every pastor and deacon in the association is urged to attend.

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PROCLAMATION FOR 1963

Year of World Missions in the Baptist Jubilee Advance

When the old year dies and the new is born, then is the time to examine the world we live in and to think again of our mission. We are the Baptist churches with missions and missionaries in the far places of the earth. We are the Baptist churches who share with all Christians the responsibility for declaring the good news of God in Jesus Christ to all men in the world.

Our world is the world of man who is of the same nature in America and Asia and Africa, in Europe, Australia, and the islands of the sea.

This man is enchanted with adventure in space. He reaches farther and farther into the unknown, eager to know more, fearful of what he will find, and even more fearful that another nation will get there first.

This man is obsessed with things. He wants the gadgets that our sincere efforts and technology have produced, he wants the suburban house with the green grassy lawn, he wants every symbol that spells status or success.

This man knows at last that he is a person, and he wants other persons to respect him. No longer will he stoop down so that others may stand on his back to rise above him; he now demands a level place to stand with other men. No longer will he live and move and have his being as a slave to a machine; he believes that he was created to learn, to believe, to love, and to be loved; he wants opportunity to be merciful as well as to be the object of mercy. Man wants to change his lot, and often he chooses to make the change in violent ways. He follows blindly the man who promises to give him food and land but who does not tell him that the price of it is his soul.

Therefore we proclaim 1963 to be a year of special outreach by our church in world missions. In this year we shall deepen our understanding of the word of God for the world. We shall study to learn the character of our world and the needs of the world's peoples. We shall obey our Lord in our daily living, so that our lives will illustrate God's word even before we speak. We shall then speak the urgent word that our Lord commands us to speak, and we shall send missionaries and give our tithes and offerings to support them, so that people everywhere may learn of Jesus Christ and confess Him as Savior and Lord.

Association Caps 5-Year Giving Record

GOLDTHWAITE, Tex. (BP) — A district missionary's challenge five years ago has inspired all the churches in a central Texas Baptist association to be 100 per cent in giving to the Cooperative Program for 60 straight months.

Only once in half a decade has a single church in Mills Association ever been a little late in sending in its monthly gift for world missions, and that happened during a change of treasurers.

Most of the pastors during the record setting period have been students attending nearby Howard Payne College at Brownwood or Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth about 150 miles to the north. There are only two resident pastors now in the nine-church association.

The push toward the five-year record began in 1957 when Dr. Clifford, secretary of missions for district 16 of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, challenged the churches to all be 100 per cent for one year in giving to the Cooperative Program.

Could Not Quit
"Once we finished that year

with a perfect record, we could not afford to quit," said Association Treasurer Erie D. Roberson. "I see no reason why this won't be kept up," he added.

Roberson credits the stewardship effort with causing Baptists of the association to become more interested in Christian endeavor and increasing their faithfulness.

Church Treasurer J. D. Wright said the 48-resident-member Center City Baptist Church "got tired of just giving a small amount to the Cooperative Program."

"So when I brought up the idea of giving 10 per cent of our total church offering, it went over with a bang," he said.

District Secretary Nelson says another association in the same district has already accepted a challenge to be 100 per cent in its gifts to the Cooperative Program.

State Native Dies In California

FRESNO, CAL. (BP) — Mrs. Wade Armstrong, of Fresno, wife of the director of Evangelism for California Baptists, died Dec. 20.

Services were held at First Southern Baptist Church, Fresno, Dec. 21 with the pastor, Rev. Paul Brooks Leath, officiating, assisted by Dr. Grady C. Cothen, California Baptist Executive Secretary.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hobby of Fayette, Miss., and was an honor graduate of Mississippi State College for Women. She had a master's degree from Southern Seminary.

Survivors include her husband and four children, ages 5 through 14.

The total Sunday school enrollment; they now account for 90 per cent of the total, or 40,239,020.

A comparison of membership reports of all faiths in the last ten years shows 92,277,129 in 1952 and 116,109,929 in 1962. In the same ten-year period the Protestant figure increased from 54,229,963 to 64,434,966.

The 31 member communions of the National Council of Churches report 40,318,430 persons. The figure in the previous issue of the Yearbook was 40,185,813.

Protestants and Roman Catholics each registered a 0.2 per cent decline within the total population. A table shows that Protestants were 27 per cent of the total population of the U. S. population in 1926; 33.8 per cent in 1950; 35.4 per cent in 1960; and 35.2 per cent in 1961. The Roman Catholic population increased from 16 per cent in 1926 to 23.6 per cent in 1960 and declined slightly to 23.4 in 1961.

Citing reports by the U. S. Department of Commerce, the Yearbook records a \$32 million reduction in the value of new church or religious building construction, from \$1,016,000,000 in 1960 to \$984,000,000 in 1961.

The 1963 edition of the Yearbook of American Churches also contains updated directories of interdenominational and denominational agencies, state and local councils of churches, theological seminaries, religious periodicals and other data on the nation's church life.

Religion In . . .

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reached 16,451.)

Movement. All year long . . . For more than a few beloved friends throughout the ranks of evangelism, 1962 was the year they moved into the presence of the One Whom they had served so long. Death, as always, left gaps behind the pulpit and in the class room and out on the mission field.

Many Passed Away

In the field of evangelical journalism alone, for example, familiar names of well-beloved leaders marked the obituary columns. Clyde Dennis (Good News Publishers); William R. Barbour (Fleming H. Revell); Esther Ellinghusen (Gospel Light Publications); Martin Erikson (The Standard, Baptist General Conference).

Movement, movement, movement. Much of it was predictable. Separatist and ecumenist moved as expected; integrationists and segregationists failed to surprise; the Second Vatican Council made no great headlines because of either its pace or its pronouncements.

There were starts and stops and detours to mark the move of the world of religion in the Year of Our Lord 1962.

But close observers of the evangelical movement thought they saw in it all an encouraging measure of advance for the cause for Christ.

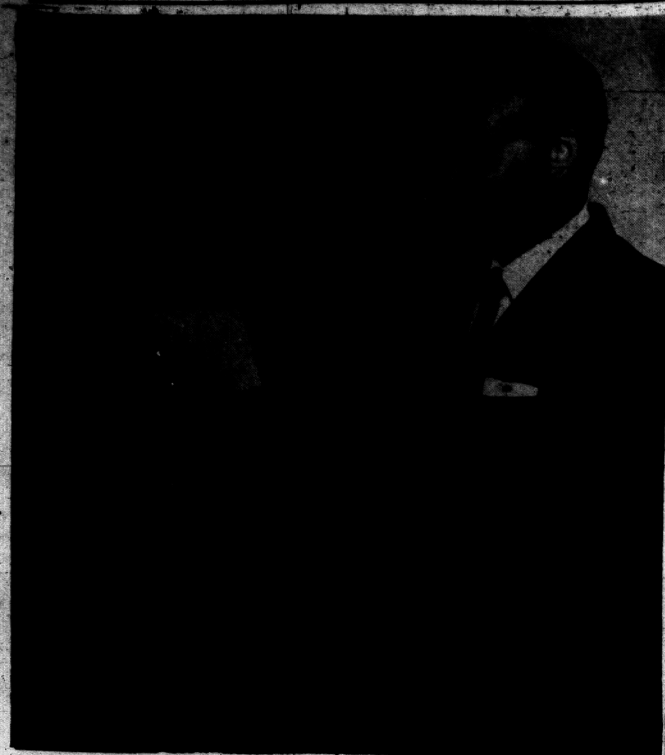
They dared to sing it: "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

Other major faiths reporting to the Yearbook account for 5,365,000 persons in Jewish congregations; 2,800,401 members of Eastern churches; 572,897 members of the Old Catholic Church, Polish National Catholic Church, and the Armenian Church, Diocese of North America. The Buddhists, who had reported 20,000 adherents last year, give a membership of 60,000 in the new Yearbook. This implies that the reporting system of Buddhist officials was changed during the year.

Some 228 religious bodies reported 286.66 Sunday, or Sabbath schools in 1961, with 3,715,221 teachers and officers and a total enrollment of 44,434,291.

Some Losses

The Protestant churches reported a loss of 3.1 per cent of



REV. AND MRS. STANLEY D. STAMPS, newly appointed missionaries to Ecuador, look at photos in the files of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in Richmond, Va.

STANLEY STAMPS AND WIFE ARE APPOINTED MISSIONARIES

RICHMOND, Va. — Rev. and Mrs. Stanley D. Stamps, of Liberty, Miss., were appointed missionaries to Ecuador at the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

Mr. Stamps has been superintendent of missions for Mississippi Baptist Association, with headquarters in Liberty, for almost two years. He works with the 27 churches of the association, preaching, counseling, planning, promoting, and doing public relations work.

Mr. Stamps told the Foreign Mission Board that he has been planning for missionary service in Ecuador since he was a college senior. He said he was led toward this service by the influence and interest of his home church, by his friendship with the son of missionaries, and by experiences he had while a student missionary (he served two summers in New Mexico and one each in Texas and California).

Mrs. Stamps said her experiences in student mission work (one summer in Arizona, one in Kansas, two in California) strengthened her mission commitment, made when she was 14. She said missionary speakers and fellow students who were committed to mission service also encouraged her.

Native of Prentiss
Mr. Stamps, native of Prentiss, received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the bachelor of divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

He was music and education director for First Baptist Church, San Leandro, Calif., music and youth director for First Baptist Church, Vacaville, Calif., and pastor of First Baptist Church, Leggett, Calif., before returning to Mississippi. Then he was pastor of South Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, for almost two and a half years before assuming his duties with the Mississippi Association.

MC EUROPEAN TOUR SET

Mississippi College's European tour for the summer of 1963 offers 41 days of sightseeing and travel on the continent, announces Dr. Gertrude Lippert, director of the tour.

Although a definite departure date is not available until ship schedules are released, the group will leave New York City around the first of July. Docking in England, the tourists will spend five days in London, with excursions to Windsor and the Shakespeare country.

The party will then travel by nightboat to Holland, where it will begin an itinerary including stays in France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy.

Professor of languages at the college, Dr. Lippert quotes the cost of the tour at \$1050.

A registration fee of \$100 is required by January 1, 1963, with total payments due June 15, 1963.

Individuals meeting the college's registration requirements may earn three semester hours of credit for the tour.

For complete information, interested persons should contact Dr. Lippert at P. O. Box 136, Clinton, Mississippi.

Mrs. Stamps from Texas

Mrs. Stamps, the former Glenna Morgan, was born near Hillsboro, Tex. She attended Hillsboro Junior College and received the bachelor of science degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., and the master of religious education degree from Golden Gate Seminary. She has taught in elementary schools in Leggett and Oro Loma, Calif., and Columbia and Liberty. She is now Young Woman's Auxiliary director for the associational Woman's Missionary Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Stamps have three children, Keith Morgan, Mark Kevin, and Rhonda Lynn. They were among 35 missionaries appointed at the December meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, bringing the total of Southern Baptists foreign missionaries to 1,636.

Membership . . .

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009, while the number of ordained persons is 381,252, according to a tabulation of information from 236 of the 258 religious bodies reporting.

While generally government and military overseas personnel are counted on the rolls of their hometown churches, the Roman Catholic Church has established a Military Ordinate for them which has the status of a Diocese.

Of all 258 bodies reporting memberships, 228 were Protestant with 64,434,966 members, compared to 227 reporting 63,668,835 members a year ago. This represents a gain of 766,131 members or 1.2 per cent.

23 Protestant Groups

The bulk of Protestants are in 23 Protestant denominational groupings or "families," accounting for an estimated 90 per cent of Protestant church members.

The Roman Catholic membership figure is 42,876,665 this year, a gain of 1.9 per cent over last year's total. The Roman Catholic percentage gain of 1.9 per cent represents a decline in comparison with the 1960 gain of 3.2 per cent.

January Is . . .

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tion, is prepared to handle bequests for any Baptist cause and those who wish to make such designations may contact a representative of the Foundation.

Every Mississippi Baptist church is being asked to appoint a committee to promote will-making during the month. Through the Foundation any person can not only designate bequests through wills but can contribute to any Baptist cause by gifts of money, stocks, bonds, property, trust funds, annuities or life insurance.

Assets of the Foundation, according to its report to the 1962 session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, total \$1,981,193.

The trustees of the Foundation are: C. O. Dean, Leland E. C. Polk, Hattiesburg; Grady Dean, Eupora; George Estes, Sr., Gulfport; J. J. Newman, Jr., Vicksburg; Allen Puckett, Columbus; Dr. Joe Cothen, Henry Hederman and E. E. Laird, all of Jackson.



AMONG THOSE PRESENT for the first service were, from left: Dr. Jachin Chan, Dr. Foy Rogers and Dr. John G. McCall.

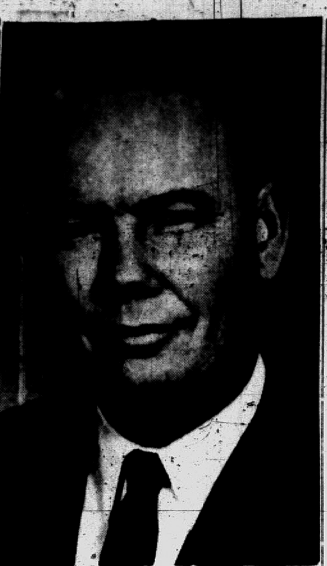
Chinese Mission . . .

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operative Missions Department and the Home Mission Board, cooperate with the local church.



Rev. Joe Underwood



Dr. Loyd Corder

World Missions . . .

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four conferences, the week of Jan. 21-25, will be Dr. Eugene Hill, Secretary for Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board.

Each conference is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and adjourn at 9 p.m. The complete schedule of conferences follows:

Murphy Creek Calls Pastor

Calvary's pastor, Humphreys Association, Rev. J. R. Chittom has accepted the call of Murphy Creek Church, Winston Association, effective Jan. 23.

This terminated a fruitful six-year pastorate at Calvary Church, Belzoni, as evidenced by the following achievements: Church sanctuary re-modeled, adding baptistry, air-conditioning and redecoration; the construction of a modern three-room parsonage; the conversion of the old parsonage into an educational building.

The Sunday School enrollment has grown from 81 to 132 and the Training Union enrollment increased from 72 to 89; an active and graded music program is under local leadership; the resident church membership has increased from 62 to 182, and the budget has increased from \$4,900 to \$8,200.

During the six years the church received by baptism 106 members, 64 of whom were baptized during 1962. At the last Sunday evening service three candidates were baptized and a twelve-year-old boy was received on profession of faith awaiting baptism for church membership.

The Chittoms have shared substantially in the associational leadership. He was currently moderator of Humphreys Association. They have two daughters—Tommy Gay, a graduate of Mississippi College, and now a school teacher at Melba, Florida, and Patsy, a senior in high school; one son, Jimmy, a sophomore at Delta Junior College, Moorhead.

Baptist Journal Urges Prosecution Of 'Gambling Stamp' Buyers

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS)—The Christian Index, official publication of the Georgia Baptist Convention, issued a strong denunciation against gambling throughout the state.

It also published the names and addresses of 702 purchasers of federal tax stamps for coin-operated machines and 76 others who bought federal wagering tax stamps.

The Index called for grand jury action against the stamp holders and singled out veterans organizations and social clubs for criticism.

"Shame . . . on the American Legion, Elks, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other social units which preach good citizenship and fail to practice their teaching," and editorial in the Baptist publication said. "Scores of machines are listed for them. These clubs disgrace themselves."

The Index also had criticized law enforcement officials. "Decent citizens," it stated, "should agree that gambling is wrong. . . They (the citizens) learn why those sworn to uphold the law are failing in these 702 instances." Georgia law prohibits gambling in any form.

The publication reported that

chines this year is 35 more than last year's total. Each stamp costs \$250.

Macon, Ga., was named as the state's "gambling capital," with 102 licenses issued to post office boxes there. Only one was listed in the Atlanta area, the Index said.

Church Balcony Collapses, Three Students Injured

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. — A section of the balcony of First Baptist Church Jefferson City, Tennessee, collapsed Tuesday, Dec. 18, injuring three college students and sending several others to the hospital for first aid.

The collapse came just as a Carson-Newman College students rose to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" of Handel's "Messiah," during the final chapel service before the Christmas holidays.

An estimated 125 students in the balcony and hundreds more on the first floor of the church escaped serious injury. A college spokesman said, "Fortunately the balcony collapsed slowly, and there was no panic. The ushers got the students out of the building in an orderly fashion."

The collapsed balcony settled on three rows of pews in the middle of the sanctuary.

State Department Wins Second Place

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Mississippi Brotherhood Department was awarded \$25 cash award for placing second in the "middleweight division" of a Brotherhood Journal circulation contest sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission here.

Ranked behind Missouri and ahead of seven other states, the Mississippi Brotherhood leaders reported a Brotherhood Journal circulation of 4,198 in the state, 28 per cent of Brotherhood enrollment.

The award was made to Elmer Howell, State Brotherhood secretary, at the annual meeting in Memphis of State Brotherhood leaders and the Brotherhood commission.

Elliott Story . . .

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The slow but continuing increase in cooperative program gifts to Baptist agencies ranked as the ninth-place story with 86 points. Close behind it in 10th place was the 75th anniversary celebration of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the SBC. This anniversary story had 85 points.

Banquets Average . . .

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There are two speakers at each meeting, both from the Baptist Building in Jackson. One emphasizes Baptist-World Missions and the other, Mr. Roberts or someone designated by him, stresses the Retirement Plans of the Annuity Board.

Speakers Listed

Those who are taking turns speaking on World Missions are Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary; Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Editor of the Baptist Record.

Local plans at each meeting are executed by the executive committee of the association.

The associations having already met and their attendance, are: DeSoto 56, Chickasaw 87, Mississippi 101, Grenada 75, Bolivar 130, Yazoo 91, Alcorn 87, Zion 100, Winston 110, Choctaw 85, Walthall 75, Lafayette 175, Sunflower 123 and Leake 115.

In light of the truth which we Christians claim to possess in our faith, and considering the tremendous need of our world, does it not appear a bit callous and indifferent that we do no more than we do to hear and alleviate the still sad music of humanity?—John McClanahan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Ark. "Cry, the Beloved Country," in January BAPTIST STUDENT.

Books of Bible Taught By Game

NASHVILLE — "Books of the Bible Game," a game teaching the 66 books of the Bible, has been released by Broadman Press.

The object of the game is to collect and shelve in correct order the books of the Bible belonging to the particular classification for which the player is responsible.

Two, three or four persons may play "Books of the Bible Game." During the game, each player assumes the role of a collector of Bible books for his personal library being intertested, however, in adding books to his shelves only in correct order.

The game is available through religious and general book stores.

LARGE BEQUEST GIVES THIS BAPTIST CHURCH A "PROBLEM"

TORONTO, Ont. (RNS) — A debt-free congregation which admittedly has "few needs" has a problem many churches would like to have.

That's the sum bequeathed to the Bethel Baptist church here by the late Mrs. Stella L. T. Mutrie. The only "strings" to the will: half the money must be spent on the local church, the remainder on missions.

Rev. Roy Cook, pastor said receipt of the gift is accompanied by worries. "I don't want the money to be a bane on the church," he said. "People sometimes think because a church is endowed there's no reason to give. Then their Christian living shrinks along with their giving."

Imperatives For Missionary Service

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By Porter Routh
Executive Secretary,
SBC Executive Committee

One hundred and fifty years ago a small sailing schooner pulled away from the wharf at Salem, Massachusetts, and slowly made its way through the bay and on toward the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

Hundreds of loving friends, family members, and well-wishers watched from the wharf as Adoniram Judson and his wife of just a few days, Ann Hasseltine Judson, along with several other missionaries, waved until loved ones and land were out of sight. Among those on shore was Luther Rice, who was still awaiting funds for his trip and who was to sail a few days later to join the Judsons as the first missionaries sent from the young United States.

Still ahead for the Judsons and Luther Rice lay the experience of reading their New Testaments through again and again on their journey and coming to the conviction that the Baptist position was more in keeping with the New Testament position than the Congregationalists who had sent them out, and the decision to join the little Baptist fellowship in Calcutta, India. But still burning hot in their hearts was the message of commissioning brought the night before to the groups in the crowded Salem Congregationalist Church by Dr. Woods of Andover Seminary.

It was my privilege last January to join with other Baptists from North America on a Judson journey in the Boston area. After visiting Mauldin, Bradford, and Andover, we went to Salem to visit the harbor and then for a climactic service in the First Baptist Church of Salem where seven young people were commissioned by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society with Dr. Roy Pearson of Andover Seminary preaching the same message that had been delivered by Dr. Woods 150 years ago.

Five Motives Listed
In this first service of commission 150 years ago, Dr. Woods listed five motives for missionary service: (1) Christ's command; (2) the plenteousness of his mercy; (3) the change brought about in the lives of those who receive the gospel; (4) the fulfillment of prophecy; and (5) the universal character of Christianity. I do not propose to speak for an hour and a half as Dr. Woods did in 1812, and repeat his sermon word for word, but the imperatives listed then are of even more relevance in the age of the space capsule than they were in the day of the sailing schooner.

1. All of the problems of Southern Baptists in the promotion of the Co-operative Program would be solved if we would only take seriously the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We are quite ready to accept the historical Jesus of Nazareth as revealed in the Scriptures but the strength of our confession is weakened when we refuse to accept him as Christ or as Lord.

The Great Commission is found in all four of the Gospels. The imperative to make disciples as we go as we teach is a command. Jesus put the issue bluntly when he said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?" One might well ask the question: Can one really accept Jesus as Saviour without even a slight recognition that he has a right to be Lord?

Represents Involvement
The Lordship of Jesus Christ shifts one from the grandstand, or the bleachers, or the reserved seat on the sidelines as a spectator, into the game as a participant.

The Lordship of Jesus Christ represents an involvement with his plans, his purpose, and his power.

The Lordship of Jesus Christ means that we can no longer be satisfied with a tip, or even with a tithe, but there must be a commitment of the total person as well as the total purse or property. The cross of Christ refuses to have anything to do with parts. It demands the whole of life.

It is my firm conviction that the Cooperative Program provides a channel for the acknowledgment of the Lordship of Christ when we understand it fully. For the Cooperative

word partial because we must always keep in mind that the payment of our tithe and offering and our support of the Co-operative Program does not excuse us from our personal responsibility to be good witnesses in our homes, in our schools, in our communities, in our businesses, in our social

activities, in our churches — and in our world.

At the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention, I joined with you in voting unanimously and with enthusiasm that we would accept the Bible as the authoritative word of God. We instructed the trustees or directors of our



GRAHAM AND EISENHOWER AT MEETING—New York—Evangelist Billy Graham and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower exchange greetings at a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York. In addresses at the meeting, both stressed the necessity of a return to a sense of individual responsibility. General Eisenhower said increasing "submission" to the federal government's widening influence is "the most serious threat to our American system." Dr. Graham declared that the greatest dangers facing America are "moral deterioration, deficit spending and communism—in that order."—RNS Photo.

Texas College Furthers Plans For Academy of Freedom

BROWNWOOD, Texas—Nine young Texas businessmen meeting Tuesday at Howard Payne College voted to form a corporation to aid the college provide the funds for its proposed Academy of Freedom.

In the action, which is subject to the approval of the Howard Payne board of trustees, the nine men pledged themselves to help raise \$500,000 for the proposed renovations on the administration building on the Daniel Baker College campus, which is to house the academy. Daniel Baker merged with Howard Payne in 1953.

The building, which is to be converted into a combined classroom building for the academy and historical museum depicting the history of man's progress toward freedom since 4,000 years before Christ, is expected to attract thousands of visitors annually, Dr. Newman explained at Tuesday's meeting.

This history will be depicted through replicas of historical documents, through murals and historical relics to be housed in the Hall of Christian Civilization, the Egyptian Hall, Magna Carta Hall, Independence Hall and The Forum, an auditorium seating 250 persons, where special lectures and programs will be presented.

The building is one of two phases of the proposed academy.

The academic phase, a program for talented junior and senior students, will get underway in the fall of 1963.

As explained by Russell O. Fudge, associate professor of political science, the academic curriculum for the academy will be designed for two types of students—those "who will never leave the United States, but will be called on constantly to pass on the American heritage by speaking up for it, by voting and by participating in their community affairs," and those students who want careers overseas and will be called on to explain America and its principles to citizens of other countries.

The curriculum, he said, is being built on several important assumptions—that Protestant Christianity must be kept in the forefront, that a dynamic, optimistic Americanism is a fundamental, that membership should be available regardless of a student's career aspirations and that the program should be interdisciplinary in character and without excessive provincialism or parochialism.

The Academy of Freedom is an outgrowth of the Howard Payne Democracy-in-Action program, which three years ago was named the nation's best college campus program in Americanism by the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge.

agencies to consider this policy and I believe that they have taken their stewardship seriously. But I honestly feel that we did not go far enough. If all of us who voted had pledged by that vote that we too would accept the authority of God, we would have had some real soul searching and there would have been a great surge of missionary compassion. I have concluded as I have looked at my own life that the greatest heresy among Southern Baptists is not in the interpretation of verses which might be unclear, but in the rejection of verses which are explicitly and perfectly plain.

Commanded To Forgive
Christ commands us to give—and we grasp.

Christ commands us to go—and we stay.

Christ commands us to love—and we hate.

Christ commands us to forgive—and we wrap our wounded feelings in the dirty rags of our sinful pride.

Christ commands us to teach—and we tarry.

Christ commands us to witness—and we hold our peace.

Christ commands us to follow after him with a cross—but we miss his clear command in the noise of our own voices as we argue with ourselves whether we can afford to pay the price of discipleship.

May God help us to take seriously the authority of the Christ.

2. The other side of the ticket for passage given by Dr. Woods to the Judsons and Luther Rice 150 years ago, and which can still admit us to the adventure of missionary compassion today is the "plenteousness of his mercy."

The word for grace or unmerited favor is used 150 times in the New Testament. Paul said in his letter to Ephesians, "For by grace have you been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Again in that marvelous fifth chapter of Romans, Paul writes, "Where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly." Dr. John L. Hill used to delight in repeating the words of the Lord as reported by Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness." My favorite is 2 Corinthians 8:9 "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich."

"Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin." We sing this song with feeling but have we really thought that it ought to offer a tremendous motivation for missionary concern? The Co-operative Program, properly conceived, is a clear channel not only for our gratitude for what his grace has meant to us, but it is also a clear channel for sharing that grace with others—even to the ends of the earth.

The paradox of God's grace is the more we share the more we have. When I was a student in Southern Seminary, I heard Mr. Anderson, the merchant prince of Knoxville, Tennessee, tell of his experience as a tithe of 50 years. A correspondent for the *Courier Journal*, interviewed Mr. Anderson after his address and I shall never forget how he told me of the blessings that had come to him in so many ways. He told how he had as his ideal the time when he could live on ten per cent of his income and give 90 per cent through his church to the causes of Christ.

Reaches Ideal
"I have now reached that ideal," Mr. Anderson said, "and in it I find the greatest joy of my life. The really important things that I have left are the things that I have given away."

God has been so good to us. All of us have our problems. You have yours—and I have mine, but we can rejoice together because of the goodness of God. He saved us while we were yet in our sins. He abides with us every day. He does not promise to remove our problems, but he does give us strength to bear them, faith to understand them, and grace to use them to his glory.

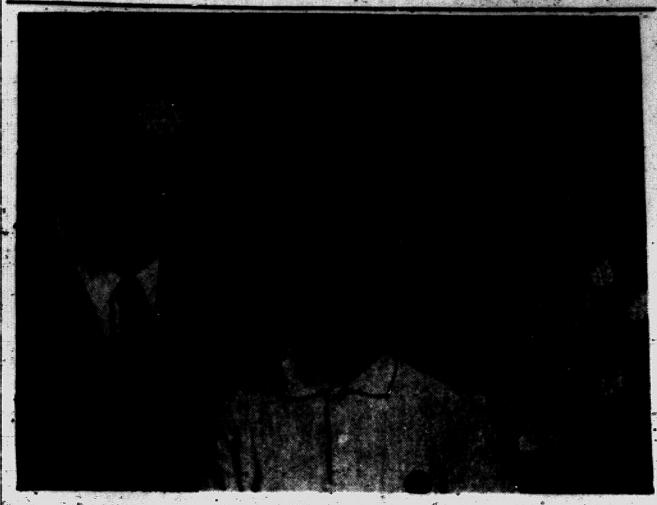
A year ago this past Easter, I shared in the first Easter sunrise service ever held in a little village of 150 people, 10 miles northeast of Bangkok in Thailand. After that, I went to Chomburi for the eleven o'clock service in the little mission led by Missionary Ronald Hill. After lunch, Brother Hill took me back to Bangkok and a young 22 year-old Thai girl rode with us. She was a recent convert to Christianity and since had

renounced Buddhism she had been renounced by her family and had lost her job as a teacher. She was going back to Bangkok to look for a job. I started to sympathize with her because of the things she had lost, but her eyes flashed and the radiance of Christian character seemed to fill the car.

"Oh," she said, "There has been no loss. It has been all gain—for I have come to know Jesus and his love."

I was glad that I had given through the Co-operative Program. I was glad that we as Southern Baptists had the Co-operative Program to share the glory of his marvelous grace.

A report from the United States Department of Commerce shows that one American in five moves each year.



REV. AND MRS. ELTON MOORE AND SON LOWRY are receiving a warm welcome to Clark College and to Newton where they have recently come after eight years in Indonesia serving under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Mr. Moore has accepted the position of Director of Public Relations at Clark.

New Year's Greeting From The Baptist World Alliance

As we enter the year 1963 we send fraternal greetings to our fellow Baptists all over the world.

We greet you as fellow believers in Jesus-Christ in a world preoccupied with material things, and where human personality is downgraded. This is the time to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).

We greet you as fellow witnesses of Christ in the midst of an exploding world population and renewed zeal on the part of non-Christian world religions. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can make us effective Christian witnesses (Acts 1:8).

We greet you as partners in intercession for all believers in Jesus Christ in every church in every nation and pray that God may deliver us from all self-righteousness and pride (John 17:20-21).

We greet you as fellow workers in the alleviation of suffering in a world where millions are hungry and homeless (Matt. 25:40).

We greet you as fellow artisans of peace in a world where the threat of war hangs over the people of every nation (Matt. 5:9).

We greet you as more than conquerors through Christ. A defeatist attitude is contrary to the conviction that the "kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

May we in 1963 be walkers in the light in the dark world (1 John 1:7).

Josef Nordenhaug
General Secretary

JANUARY is Make Your Will Month

JANUARY has been designated and observed for years throughout The Southern Baptist Convention as **MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH**

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WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY
MADE CLEAR

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YOUR WILL EXPRESSES YOUR PLANS, YOUR LOVE... DOES IT REPRESENT THE WILL OF GOD?

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THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN DISPOSE OF YOUR PROPERTY AFTER DEATH:

1. By a legally drawn will leaving your estate just as you want it to go naming your own executor. This will be a saving to your estate and a blessing to your loved ones.
2. You can let the Court dispose of your property under the laws of your state with absolutely no regard to your wishes in the matter.

IS YOUR WILL UP-TO-DATE?

Times are constantly changing, so are laws and the needs of your loved ones and institutions and causes. Every person should have an up-to-date will — no matter how much or how little he possesses.

"WHEN YOU NEED A WILL IT IS TOO LATE TO MAKE ONE."
The Mississippi Baptist Foundation will be happy to assist you in the preparation of a will.

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THE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING of Barrio Jara Baptist Church, Asuncion, Paraguay, which houses the church's primary school.

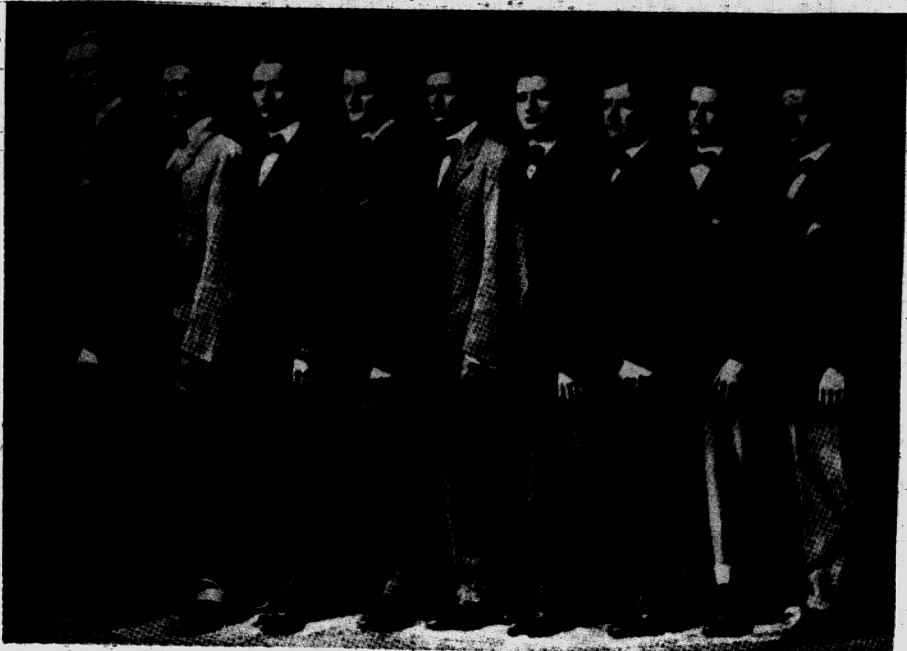
Building Dedicated By Asuncion Church

The recently completed educational building of Barrio Jara Baptist Church, in Asuncion, Paraguay, was dedicated November 10. The building houses the church's primary school, and Paraguay's directors of private and public schools participated in the service. The minister of education visited the school just before the dedication. The school had used the building as an unfinished construction for two years before the 1961-1962 Christmas offering made completion possible. Seventy-five children were enrolled this past year. Fifteen of them and five of their parents made professions of faith in Christ.

Miss Miriam Willis, Southern Baptist missionary, is principal of the school.

January 13 — Robert Yates, Smith associational Brotherhood president; Herman Peoples, Sunflower associational Brotherhood president.

The Leavell Family Of Mississippi



THE NINE LEAVELL BOYS (in order of height, not age): George, Arnaud, Roland, Leonard, Frank, Clarence, James, Ullin, Landrum.

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Old calendars have been thrown out and new ones hung in their places. January, 1963, is fast clicking off time's ticker tape. On many a calendar, Bible Study Week is circled in red.

In Baptist churches across the land men and women will be opening their Bibles to the First Gospel, seeking deeper insight, garnering a better knowledge of Matthew, the tax collector, and his message to man from God.

Many men and women will be reading STUDIES IN MATTHEW, THE KING AND THE KINGDOM. This year's January Bible Study Week text is written by an amazing man from an amazing family—Dr. Roland Quince Leavell of the "Leavell family of Mississippi."

Few men have served the King and the Kingdom so fully and so well as Roland Leavell, President Emeritus, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Born at Oxford, Mississippi, now living in Jackson, Dr. Leavell's ministry has been varied. He has been mathematics teacher at Oxford High School; Overseas YMCA Secretary during World War I; pastor at First, Oxford, First Picayune, First, Gainesville, Georgia, and First, Tampa, Florida; five years Superintendent of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and President of New Orleans Seminary 1946-58. He has served as Secretary of the Committee on Evangelism of the Baptist World Alliance and as First Vice-President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Leavell's books are highly readable. Intriguing illustrations add interest to everything he writes. Love of living literally spills over the sides of the pages. Other than his Studies in Matthew, he has written Landrum Pinson Leavell, an Unnamed Workman; Winning Others to Christ; Helping Others to Become Christians; Saving America to Save the World; The Romance of Evangelism; Christ's Imperative Commission; Corra Berry Leavell, Christian Mother; Preaching the Doctrine of Grace; and The Sheer Joy of Living.

In the latter, Dr. Leavell wrote, "Vividly I remember, once while in a church, to have looked into a pair of beautiful

blue eyes. Something turned over inside me which has never been the same since. I walked to the front door looking into those eyes, then went home to tell my brother I had found the girl I wanted to marry. But that girl made me prove my love for well over two years before she said 'I do.' The girl Roland met in church that day was Lilian Yarborough, who became the mother of his three daughters, Mary, Lilian, and Dorothea, and later the grandmother of his nine grandchildren. Each of the Leavell's three girls has three children.

Mrs. Roland Leavell was born in Jackson while her father, Rev. W. F. Yarborough, was pastor of First Baptist Church there. She attended Judson College, Marion, Alabama, her freshman year. (Her father was at that time Executive Secretary of Alabama Baptists.) Mrs. Leavell graduated from Woman's College at Hattiesburg (now William Carey.) She and Dr. Leavell met at First Baptist Church, Laurel, during a BYPU Convention.

Roland Q. Leavell is the eighth of nine sons of a most incredible family—the Leavells of Oxford. Eight of those nine sons were at one time engaged in some form of full-time Christian service as pastors, missionaries, or denominational secretaries. All nine of the sons won college degrees; every one did post-graduate work; and seven of the nine received one or more doctor's degrees, either earned or honorary. The Christian service rendered by this one family to Southern Baptist life and to the Kingdom cause is utterly immeasurable.

The sons of George Washington Leavell and Corra Berry Leavell of Cherry Creek near Pontotoc, Mississippi, were:

1. Landrum Pinson Leavell, (1874-1929) B. Ph. D. D. Teacher, Sunday school specialist, BYPU worker, author, editor.

Landrum P. Leavell was the first Sunday school secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the first BYPU secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board. He was first secretary and editor of the BYPU Department of the Sunday School Board. (This department was created in 1918.) He taught Sunday school pedagogy for five years at Anderson Seminary. His brother Roland, called him the "pivotal person in the family."

Miss Marian Leavell, Baptist Student Director at the University of Mississippi, for many years, is his daughter. She lives in the "Leavell home" in Oxford.

2. Arnaud Bruce Leavell (1876-1949), D. D. S. Dentist.

3. James Berry Leavell (1880-1933), B. A., Th. M. Bank cashier, pastor, evangelist.

4. George Walne Leavell (1882-1957), M. D. Practicing physician, medical missionary in China 23 years; deacon, author.

George was appointed as a missionary to China in 1912. For a long time, his mother had prayed that he might live to see at least one of her sons sent to a foreign land as a missionary. Now her health was rapidly declining. George kept postponing his sailing date because he knew his mother could not possibly live long. Yet Mrs. Leavell insisted that he not delay any longer. She said, "God is sparing me until you get to China!" When George told her farewell, she declared, "This is the happiest day of my life."

Mrs. George Leavell, the Leavell boys' mother, died at 2:00 a.m. on January 30, 1913. Soon afterward, the family received a telegram from George saying he had arrived in China. When Landrum, the oldest boy, calculated the time difference, he learned that his mother's spirit was called to be with Jesus at the very moment George's feet first touched Chinese soil!

5. Frank Hartwell Leavell (1884-1949), B. S. M. A., LL. D. Business man, state secretary of BYPU work, and south-west secretary of Baptist Student Union, author, editor.

A pioneer leader of organized student work in the Southern Baptist Convention, Frank Leavell was Secretary of the Department of Student Work of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1928 until his death in 1949. Before going to Nashville he was in real estate business in California and was nine years Baptist Young People's Union secretary of Georgia.

World traveler, writer, editor of the Baptist Student, he initiated the student retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in 1926. As Secretary of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, he went to London in 1949 at considerable risk to his health to help insure election of a World Youth Secretary for the BWA.

Frank married Martha Boone, who became a well-known writer and lecturer, particularly in the area of the Christian home.

6. Leonard O. Leavell (1886-1952), B. S., Ph. D. Business man, state Sunday school secretary, pastor.

Rev. Landrum P. Leavell, presently pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi, is the son of Leonard Leavell.

7. Clarence Stanley Leavell (1889-), B. S., M. S. State Sunday school secretary, soldier, church educational director, a author, insurance business. Now retired, he lives in Memphis.

8. Roland Quince Leavell (1891-) M. A. from University of Mississippi, Th. D. from Southern Seminary, D. D. from Mercer University, LL. D. from John B. Stetson University. Teacher, pastor, Southwide secretary of evangelism, author, theological seminary president.

Shortly after Dr. Leavell became President of New Orleans Seminary in 1946, he negotiated with real estate dealers in the buying of 75 choice acres on Gentilly Boulevard for a new seminary campus. With the Lord's help, he was able to buy the property for Southern Baptists for a quarter of a million dollars, with Co-operative Program capital funds, special designations, and bequests.

On September 3, 1953, the new seminary plant was dedicated. Dr. Leavell had witnessed the construction of 85 buildings on the new seminary campus, counting academic buildings, student housing, faculty residences, and workshops.

Under Dr. Leavell's leadership the seminary grew in enrollment from 331 in 1946 to 1200 in 1958 and the faculty in those years increased from 10 to 39. The school gained full accreditation with the American Association of Theological Schools.

Dr. Leavell wrote in The Sheer Joy of Living, "Loved ones eventually will take my wearily old bones to the family burying ground at Oxford, Mississippi, but my heart is already buried under that chapel in the heart of the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary."

9. Ullin Whitney Leavell (1894-1960), B. A., Ph. D., Litt. D. Soldier, educational missionary in China, teacher, author.

Cultured Christian parents and an extraordinary Christian home were the Leavell boys' insurance for success. Their mother, Corra Alice Berry, was a descendant of the Ball family of Virginia (another member of that same Ball family was Mary Ball, mother of George Washington.)

Born one mile east of Ecru, Mississippi, Corra Alice was baptized at Cherry Creek Baptist Church, Pontotoc County. Her cousins, J. B. Gambrell (first editor of the Baptist Record) and Pearl Caldwell (missionary to China), also grew up in the Cherry Creek Church.

Corra Berry graduated from the Baptist Female College at Pontotoc, where she and her good friend, Modena Lowrey Berry (of Blue Mountain fame), taught for a time. In May, 1872, Corra married George Washington Leavell, also of the Cherry Creek community and also a teacher.

After his marriage, George, a veteran of the War Between the States, began work with a cotton firm in Memphis. In a couple of years, George and his wife moved to Oxford, Mississippi, where he became a member of the Berry and Leavell Brothers' mercantile

Chaplain Ministers At Baptist Hospital At Asuncion, Paraguay

A chaplaincy program, which has been in operation at Baptist Hospital, Asuncion, Paraguay, since March, this year, serves the sick, the hospital personnel, and the churches. The threefold ministry was inaugurated by Rev. James O. Watson, Southern Baptist missionary who is the hospital chaplain.

"Ministering to the sick during crisis periods has been more rewarding than ever anticipated," says Mr. Watson, who came to the Paraguay hospital from field evangelistic work in Argentina.

An example of the worth of the ministry to the patients is seen in the case of Pablo, who was admitted to the hospital with second and third degree burns. As she responded to surgery and other efforts to save her life and her physical condition improved, her disposition got worse.

Had No Concern
She had no concern for other patients; she would yell for no reason; and she even threw a water glass across the room as a means of calling the nurse.

Committee, a meeting scheduled for Christian workers will be changed to a public rally on March 28, and that plans are being made for associate evangelists to conduct preliminary meetings. Dr. Graham will speak at a banquet in Taipei, March 27.

The European tour will begin with a Crusade in Paris, May 4, and will include meetings in various French cities, May 20 through 26.

After a rest, Dr. Graham will speak at meetings in West Berlin, June 8 and 9, and then will conduct Crusades in Nurnberg, May 11 through 16, and in Stuttgart, May 18 through 23.

November Church Building Totaled \$90 Million

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction during November totaled \$90,000,000, a seasonal decline of \$1,000,000 from the October level, but \$1,000,000 above the same month a year ago, the U. S. Census Bureau reported here.

This brought estimated church construction for the first eleven months of 1962 to \$900,000,000, a gain of \$10,000,000 over the same period of 1961.

THIS WE SHALL DO by Kon Farnon (Exposition Press, 66 pp., \$2.75)
A young Christian evangelist examines conditions in America today and calls for a return to God as the only solution to our problems. He looks at the forces which threaten our freedoms, the conditions that are undermining our social foundations, and the failures of government and people, and sees revival as the saving force.

Spain Still Restricted
In the matter of religious liberty, Ward reported a "new cordial climate between Roman Catholics and Protestants exists in Italy among the local churches, as it does in the United States and other spots around the world."

Ward stopped in Spain for a series of articles on developments in Spanish religious life and to see if the new heart throb in Catholic-Protestant relations was being reflected in a country where Protestants would like to see some change. In Spain, Ward found Spanish Protestants are still restricted. There can be no public promotion by Protestants



Dr. and Mrs. Roland Q. Leavell

business. Until his death in 1905, George was a useful citizen of Oxford, as merchant, bank cashier, school trustee, and sometimes teacher of young men in schools of book-keeping and penmanship.

In the church Mr. Leavell referred to himself as "Old Whitey," after his father's favorite horse that would "pull the biggest load up hill and stand the most whipping of all the horses." He did everything in the church from firing the stove to organizing a mission.

Mrs. Leavell had an ardent love for mission work. At the time of their marriage, George gave Corra an expensive gold watch on a chain. Some years later, she contributed the watch to an offering for missions. Her "Cousin Jimmie" Gambrell recognized the watch and found a person who would redeem it for \$50.00. Gambrell then returned the watch to Mrs. Leavell. She was ready to give the watch again if it would bring another \$50.00 for missions, but her husband kept an eye on it after that!

The Leavell boys went to church. The Leavell pews—two of them—were the second and third from the front, next to the choir. These pews in the Oxford Church were filled every Sunday. In the Leavell home, there was prayer and Bible reading and Scripture memorizing.

The Leavell boys worked hard. They raked leaves, watered the flowers, cut kindling, milked the cows, brought in coal and wood. And since there were no girls in the family,

they made beds, swept floors, churned butter, washed dishes, and set the table. Mr. Leavell often hitched boys instead of mules to the garden plow!

The Leavell boys felt the hand of discipline. Mrs. Leavell often gave her sons a "dose of peachtree tea." She would bend a boy over the trunk in her bedroom and give him a "licking" with a peach-tree switch. According to Roland, the boys thought she must have made a promise to God that "if he would work on the inside she would work on the outside."

The Leavell boys wanted an education. There was a Leavell at Ole Miss every year from 1895 to 1916 when Ullin, the youngest, had to drop out to work for a year. George Leavell made a plan whereby his sons would all work together to help each other and all receive the education they desired. As each was old enough to start earning money, he would pay some of his earnings into the education fund. Every one except Landrum had to drop out to teach or work elsewhere for a year or two before going back. Seven graduated from the University of Mississippi. George and Arnaud took their pre-med studies there, but received their medical and dental degrees elsewhere. All did postgraduate work.

Mrs. Leavell's prayer for her boys was that they "might ever live for Jesus, their chief aim and desire in every action to glorify God."

Mrs. Leavell's prayer, the record shows, has been answered.

BAPTIST NEWSMAN COVERS SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

DETROIT (BP) — Religious liberty, the participation of Catholic laymen and the problems of interfaith marriages are high on the list of interests of Protestant observers attending the second Vatican Council.

This was reported by Hiley E. Ward, religion writer for the Detroit Free Press, who attended opening sessions of the council still under way at the Vatican.

Ward, a Baptist by personal preference, was quoted by the news service of the American Baptist Convention.

Through a series of questionnaires and personal interviews with the 35 observer delegates, Ward learned the topics in which these observers were most interested.

The Protestant group expressed keen interest in the sources of revelation, which was debated at some length before the council. Basically, this question revolves around the use of the Bible and tradition as a basis for religious belief. Liberal forces at the council pressed for a greater awareness of Protestant dependence on the Bible, while conservative forces preferred to make clear the dual source of Revelation.

The emphasis on the Bible by Catholics was surprising to the non-Roman Catholics. On the other hand the catholic inclinations of non-Roman Catholics surprised the Catholics.

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such as the use of a church sign or advertising; permission for new church buildings is not granted; Protestant day schools are not allowed; Catholic bishops must be consulted on the legality of a Protestant marriage; Protestants cannot teach in a public school; all chaplains are Roman Catholics; and only a Catholic can be head of state.

First Vietnamese Church Organized

The first church to grow out of Southern Baptist mission work in Vietnam was organized November 18 in Saigon, the capital. Named Grace Baptist Church, it has 33 Vietnamese charter members, and a large number of other converts are awaiting baptism.

Nearly 200 people—capacity for the newly remodeled Baptist chapel—attended the organization service. The sermon was preached by Rev. S. Judson Lenson, Southern Baptist missionary to Thailand. Missionaries entered Vietnam late in 1959, but because their first task was to learn the Vietnamese language, their evangelistic work during the first year and a half was limited to English-language worship services and Bible classes. Finally, in June, 1961, Sunday morning services in Vietnamese were begun with the aid of interpreters.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY - Tennessee Ernie Ford (Capitol, T 1751)
Hymns from the Tennessee Ernie Ford ABC Television show was hymn time, when Ernie sang one of the great hymns. Here are twelve of those hymns, presented in the sincerity, feeling and devotion of this beloved singer. Songs include Saved By Grace, Blessed Assurance, How Great Thou Art, Asleep in Jesus, and many others. Each is introduced by Ernie's comments.

Graham Crusades Set For 3 Continents

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Major Crusades on three continents are likely to make 1963 one of the busiest years in the crowded life of Dr. Billy Graham, widely known evangelist.

Dr. Graham has scheduled a 4½ week evangelistic tour of the Orient, with Crusades in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan.

That tour will be followed a month later by an evangelistic tour of France and West Germany, with Crusades in Paris, Nurnberg, Stuttgart and other cities, a matter of six weeks in all.

The evangelist's major effort in the United States will be made in Los Angeles, where a Crusade has been scheduled for August 16 through September 8, with precrusade rallies held by members of the Billy Graham Team.

The Los Angeles Crusade, for which preparations have been under way since last August, will be something in the nature of an anniversary, for it was in Los Angeles, in 1949, that Billy

first began to attract national attention.

The three major evangelistic projects for 1963 will be interspersed by scores of meetings and other functions at which Dr. Graham will be the principal speaker. Among these are the inaugural banquet of Gov. John B. Connally of Texas at Austin, Tex., Jan. 15; the Ohio Council of Churches banquet, Jan. 29, in Columbus, Ohio; the Presidential Prayer banquet, Feb. 7, in Washington, D. C.; the Methodist Church Assembly, July 7, at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

A number of addresses at universities and colleges are already on his schedule, and there will undoubtedly be others. Among those already scheduled are Ohio State University, Jan. 30; Fuller Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, Sept. 9; and Princeton University, Nov. 3.

Dr. Graham is scheduled to preach in his "home" church, First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, on February . The evangelist is an enrolled member of

the Dallas church.

Follow Pattern

The Crusades in Asia and Europe generally will follow the standardized pattern of Dr. Graham's Crusades, with great mass meetings in the evenings and with the evangelist and his associates speaking at numerous smaller gatherings each day.

In the Philippines, Dr. Leighton Ford will conduct a preliminary campaign in Cebu, March 1 to 8. Dr. Joseph D. Blinco will conduct a similar series of meetings in Davao, March 2 through 8, while Dr. Grady Wilson will preach in Iloilo City, March 3 through 8. These associate evangelists will then join Dr. Graham for the major Crusade in Manila, March 10 through 17.

Dr. Graham will speak at a Presidential Banquet in Manila, March 20 and at a student rally the next day.

Walter H. Smyth, director of Crusade planning; visited all the Crusade centers in Asia recently and reported that on the insistence of the Taipei Crusade

Conference Wonders 'Where Are People?'

NASHVILLE (BP)—Reports of possibly the leanest numerical growth since World War II faced Southern Baptist Convention leaders assembled here for a week of conferences.

Executive Secretary James L. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board, sponsor of the conferences, put this question to the 200 secretaries from state Baptist offices attending them:

"We have been emphasizing the functions and planning projects, but where are the people?"

Preliminary statistical reports indicate Southern Baptists

leaders in Sunday School enrollment totals in the nation, increased only 54,000 in membership there during the 1961-62 associational year.

This apparently is the lowest numerical increase since the mid-1940's. The increase during the 1960-61 associational year was over 124,000. Combined Sunday School enrollment of Southern Baptist churches stands at more than 7 1/2 million.

SBC Agencies Represented Present for the conferences, called each winter by the board, were executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions and their associates who lead work in five special areas—Sunday School, Training Union, Church Music, work among college students and church building consulting.

Sullivan said Sunday School growth spurs gains in other areas of church life. After the 1964 SBC thrust, "A million more in '54," not only the Sunday School gained enrollment, but Training Union enrollment jumped and the number of converts rose too, he pointed out.

School To Expand

SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)—The Board of Trustees for San Marcos Baptist Academy here has approved a five-part long-range expansion plan that will involve an estimated \$5 million within the next ten years.

The five-part program includes a master plan for physical plant expansion, increased endowment funds, teacher excellence, scholarships, and student recruitment.

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Japan Crusade Gets \$125,000 From Texas

DALLAS (BP)—The Texas Baptist Executive Board meeting here voted to send \$125,000 to the Japan Baptist Convention to help finance the Japan Baptist New Life Movement an slated an all-out fund campaign to raise at least \$500,000 for the nation-wide evangelistic crusade.

The 192-member board approved unanimously a motion to take \$125,000 from the board's operating fund, to be repaid by results of the Texas Baptist fund drive.

About \$90,000 has already been given towards the goal, it was reported.

Where's Bangkla?

By Mrs. Winifred L. Medcalf
Missionary to Thailand
"Bangkla? Where's that?"
"It's near Chacheungsoo."
"Oh! Now, how do you say it? What are the tones?"
It's pronounced bahng klah, with the last syllable a high tone.

It's hard to even estimate how many times during the past year conversations like this have been repeated. But this almost obscure little village of 10,000, in the great basin of central Thailand, is becoming the center of our activity in ministering to people

TEENAGE CHRISTMAS—A group of teenagers gets involved in making and erecting a manger scene for the front of their church. So engrossed do they become that the scene becomes an end in itself, with the real meaning of Christmas virtually forgotten. Two underprivileged children inadvertently teach them a valuable lesson in Christianity. This is the first of thirteen new television films in "The Answer," series for 1963. The films are produced and distributed by Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth. "Teenage Christmas" will be telecast in Mississippi over the following stations: WLBT-TV, Jackson, Channel 3, 1:00 p. m. Sunday; WTOG-TV, Meridian, Channel 11, 12:30 p. m. Sunday.

Needed: A Morgue For Mbeya

By H. Cornell Goerner
We had just finished dinner in Mbeya, Tanganyika, when there came a knock at the back door and an orderly from the Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital delivered a message in a loud whisper in Swahili. Dr. Jack E. Walker, missionary superintendent of the hospital, rose to go, but Nurse Joan Collins jumped up and said, "Let me go; you stay and talk to Dr. Goerner." I thought as she disappeared. This is a common experience for a hospital's only missionary nurse, who is never really off duty.

We continued the conversation for five or 10 minutes, but I could see Dr. Walker was restless. At length he rose and said, "I'm going to check on that patient." "Let me go with you," I said. In a few moments we were in the hospital. As we approached the bed we saw Dr. Gordon Maddox, in charge of that particular ward, massaging the chest of an African man, who I judged to be about 30. Miss Collins stood at the doctor's elbow, and two African medical assistants were on the other side of the bed. (Dr. Maddox, of Denton, Tex., is working at the hospital a few months without compensation.)

Struck Like Hammer
This struck me like a sledge hammer. It was I, the area secretary, who had received that request for \$750 for a morgue. It was I who had not yet been able to find the money. I put my hand on Dr. Walker's shoulder and said, "You'll get your morgue." Yes, Dr. Walker will get his

autopsy?" he asked. "I would like to find out what caused this death. Perhaps we would learn something to give us guidance for the future."

Dr. Walker shook his head. "We don't have our morgue yet," he replied quietly. "We have requested money for it, but we haven't yet gotten the money. I hope we can have one soon, because sometimes we may be able to learn something that will help save a life later."

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morgue this year, even if something else has to wait.

How many other real and urgent needs there are for which money has been requested and not granted! If every Southern Baptist could stand by the bedside and share the somber silence of those who have just witnessed a soul going out into eternity—and be unable to answer clearly the question of whether that person, who had stumbled in from a distant village, had ever been introduced to the Lord of life—there would be funds and to spare for a morgue and all else that might be needed to try to insure that this would not happen again and again. I am sure Southern Baptists would increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering if only they could really know the urgency of the needs.



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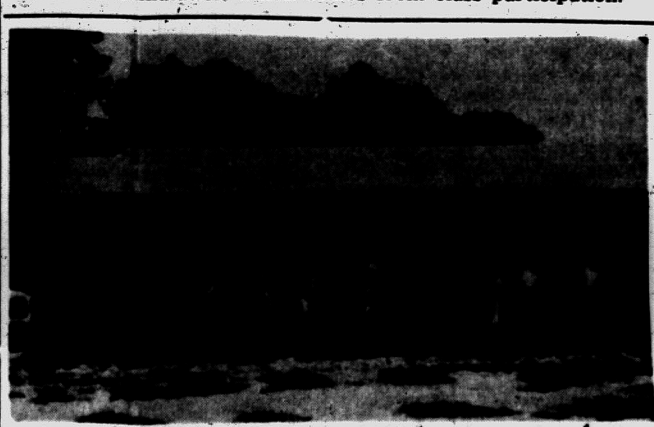
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ANNIVERSARY GOALS—NUMBER 4—"75 Per Cent of Leaders Holding Current Leadership Cards"

No organization moves ahead of its leadership. Good leaders can make an organization; poor ones dissipate its possibilities. In order to do a good job, a leader has to learn many new plans, ideas, ways of work, skills . . . and if she tries to learn these all at once they become stumbling blocks instead of stepping stones. Therefore, she should have a chance to understand and enjoy her job. To help, a WMU leader "get off to a good start," we provide for her a basic leadership course. Upon completion of the basic course, a leadership card is awarded. Our Anniversary Goal is 75 per cent of leaders holding current leadership cards. This includes Sunbeam Band leadership, Girls' Auxiliary leadership, Young Woman's Auxiliary leadership, and Woman's Missionary Society leadership.

Where the church does not provide a class or where in any given organization there is an insufficient number of leaders for a class, the local WMU can still provide materials so that leaders can take leadership courses or refresher courses by individual study.

Classes may be attended by those who hold current cards as well as by those who do not. Though the refresher courses are designed for those already holding current cards, holders may renew their cards by again fulfilling class requirements. In this way they have the advantage of the teacher's instruction and of the stimulation which comes from class participation.



MEMBERS OF JAYESS CHURCH, Lawrence County, met in front of the pastorium for a noteburning, signifying that the \$10,000 building is now debt-free. The house has three large bedrooms, a bath, a study, large living room, dining room, and kitchen combination, double carport, and utility room. The pastor, Rev. Fred Fowler, and treasurer, Lee E. Rials, are shown burning the note.

Weavers To Speak 50th Anniversary

Saturday, January 5, will mark the golden wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Weaver, of Noxapater. On Sunday, January 6, the son and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver will honor them with an open house in the afternoon, at their home in Noxapater. Mr. Weaver has been in the Baptist ministry in Mississippi

for over 40 years, having held pastorates at Tishomingo, Corinth, Chalhybeate, Calhoun City, Hernando, Noxapater (where he is now), Kalb, Liberty, Calvary, Poplar, Enon (last four in Winston County) Bond in Neshoba County, and West Union in Pearl River County.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have been invited to the open house.

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

Foreign Board Adds 140 To Mission Staff in 1962

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 35 missionaries and employed two missionary associates at its December meeting, bringing its total additions for the year to 140 and its overseas staff to 1,648.

The new missionary associates are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney C. Reber, now of Dallas, Tex., who will serve a four-year term in Singapore. They will supervise a dormitory for children of missionaries, and Mr. Reber will assume responsibility in handling business matters for the Malaya Baptist Mission and for the Indonesia Mission to the extent that the Indonesia Mission has business matters to be transacted in Singapore. Educated in business and economics, Mr. Reber has spent 22 years with the Federal Government, the last nine and a half with the Internal Revenue Service.

"Missionaries Deserve Equipment," says Cauthen

In his report, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reviewed the Board's capital expenditures for publication and medical work overseas, continuing the study on uses of capital funds he began in October and November with discussions of missionary residences, churches, and schools.

"Whatever expenditures may be made in money shrink into their proper size when measured in terms of human life," he said. "The missionaries who go to carry their talents, training, skills, dedication, children, and their own lives into these areas of need present something that no amount of money could buy and no estimate could properly cover. If we could double, triple, or quadruple the funds being used for capital purposes it would be highly appropriate, because these missionaries deserve equipment with which to work and surroundings that make for effective life and maximum service."

He said capital expenditures for the approximately 20 publication programs related to the Board's work overseas are expected to exceed \$175,000 this year and those for the 18 hospitals and more than 50 clinics to exceed \$475,000 (four other hospitals are being constructed or planned). Over the next five years, the publication expenditures are expected to average around \$200,000 and the medical expenditures are expected to gradually increase to about \$585,000.

"If more funds are made available to the Foreign Mission Board through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, it will be possible to meet more of the needs being confronted in both areas of work," Dr. Cauthen said.

He noted that last year the publishing enterprises produced a total of 18,455,484 pieces of literature, including Bibles and 742 titles of periodicals, books, and tracts. The medical programs ministered to 32,241 inpatients and 267,583 outpatients.

Means Reports 199 Personnel Needs

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, expressed gratitude for the large number of appointees in December—15 of them for his area—but added that 199 additional missionaries are needed for Latin America alone during 1963. These requests are for agricultural missionaries, an architect, two pilot-mechanics, a business manager, three couples for English-speaking work (other than that in the English-speaking areas of the Caribbean), 60

couples for field evangelism, one couple for literature promotion, one couple for radio-television, six couples for religious education, two couples and four single women for school work, seven couples for theological institutions, a dietitian, four doctors, nine nurses, three good will center workers, and four single women to work in treasurers' offices.

"The city of Caracas, Venezuela, a sprawling metropolis of more than a million people, will be left without a missionary when the couple now there come on furlough next year," Dr. Means said.

"Only a token force has been sent to the Caribbean. Only one couple is resident in each of the island countries of the Dominican Republic, Trinidad, and British Guiana. A second couple has been appointed for the Dominican Republic. Our first two missionaries destined to serve in the French West Indies are presently studying French in Paris. It will be important for additional couples to be appointed very soon for each of these places."

No appointments have been made for Peru and Chile since 1960, he added.



CHERYL ANN FOSTER received a white Bible in the Coronation Service at First Church, Union. Cheryl was the first G.A. in her church to reach Queen-Regent-in-Service. "Christ for the World in Our Hearts" was the theme of the program. Cheryl's GA Directors were Mrs. W. S. Cammel and Mrs. E. E. Case, and Mrs. F. J. Hollingsworth is the WMU president.

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Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

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North Main	20 24
Hattiesburg, 38th Avenue	204 125
Jackson:	
Grandview	181 95
McDowell Road	178 90
Raymond Road	87 87
First	1376 304
Briarwood	188 101
Highland	305 161
Crestwood	324 193
Midway	307 126
Hillcrest	486 161
Robinson St.	277 111
Calvary	1420 498
Main Mission	374 459
Alta Woods	795 344
Daniel Memorial	946 377
Woodville Heights	108 47
Parkway	873 385
Broadmoor	1023 486
Co. Forest	377 165
Laurel, First	523
Laurel, Wildwood	333 167

W. Jackson Dedicates Auditorium

The dedication service for the beautiful new auditorium of West Jackson Church, 3830 South Drive, (pictured) Jackson, was held on December 2, 1962, with Rev. Gordon Samsing, Associate Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, bringing the message. The dedication of the new 1,000 — seating capacity auditorium marks the completion of the third unit of a four-unit building program adopted in 1953. The auditorium and furnishings cost in excess of \$171,000, bringing the total value of the church property to \$385,000.

Those serving on the committees connected with the erection of the auditorium were: Planning and Survey: John Nutt - Chairman, Travis Dukes, Bill Stephens, Jack Gommillion, Ray Jones; Plans: Kirby Ates - Chairman, Albert Egger, W. T. Woods; Building Finance and Bond Sales: George Moore-Chairman, Carl May, Kirby Ates, Norris McCool, Billy Cosby; Construction: Cliff Crawford-Chairman, Thomas Clark, John Nutt; Dedication: Thomas Copeland - Chairman, Thomas Clark, Mrs. Carl Neible, Mrs. Roy Bratton, Myron Lynam.

The West Jackson Church was constituted in 1946 with

sixteen charter members and has grown to a membership of 1008, with 990 enrolled in Sunday School and 441 in Training Union. During the years there has been a substantial growth in every phase of the church life. For 5 1/2 years the church has held two Sunday morning worship services, and for almost two years two Sunday school hours. With the completion of the new auditorium, and the remodeling of the old auditorium for educational space, the church now has only one morning worship hour and one Sunday School hour.

Rev. J. D. Nazary has served as pastor of the West Jackson Church for the past 12 years.

Armstrong's \$3,310,000 Set

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Goal for the 1963 Annie Armstrong offering for home missions has been set for \$3,310,000, a 15 per cent increase over last year's anticipated receipts.

Announcement was made in Birmingham by Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 15 per cent increase in the home missions offering is one of the goals for the 75th anniversary which members of Woman's Missionary Union are celebrating at this time.

Though Woman's Missionary Union promotes the annual springtime giving for home missions, the offering is church-wide. Funds are administered by the Home Mission Board.

Resentment against Christians in Pakistan has resulted from the proposed production of an Italian-American film on the life of the prophet Mohammed.

"M" Night Goal Is Surpassed

Mississippi Baptist Training Union associational organizations went over their goal of 33,000 for "M" Night meetings, according to announcement by Kermit S. King, Training Union director.

Thirty-three thousand, eight hundred sixty-one persons were present for the "Mobilization" Night meetings, most of which were held Dec. 3.

The largest number on record for any one association in history was reached this year by Lebanon Baptist Association, when it recorded an attendance of 1,863.

Second highest attendance was recorded by Jackson County Association with 1,343 while Jones County Association clung to third place with 1,318.

Represented at all 77 meetings were 1,363 of the estimated 1,500 Baptist churches in the state that have Training Unions, according to Mr. King. There were 966 pastors who registered at these meetings.

WORKSHOPS PLANNED AT SOUTHWESTERN

Lloyd Pfautsch has been named to head Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's Eleventh Annual Church Music Workshop staff, Jan. 28 through Feb. 4, 1963. Dr. Pfautsch is professor of sacred music and director of choral activities at Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Approximately 450 church musicians from across the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to attend the five-day school, said Cecil Roper, director of the 1963 workshop. Roper is assistant professor of ministry of music in the School of Church Music at the seminary.

An Educational Evangelism Workshop designed to help churches utilize educational organizations for the enlistment and development of members in practical soul-winning activities will be held at Southwestern March 25-27, 1963.

Experienced leaders in Sunday school, training union, woman's missionary union, brotherhood, and church music will speak and lead conferences concerning these organizations as they relate to a perennial program of local church evangelism.

Some of the featured speakers and conference leaders will be John B. Haldeman, pastor, Allapattah church, Miami, Fla., and chairman of the Executive Committee, SBC; W. L. Howse, Director, Education Division, Baptist Sunday School Board; Harold Bennett, City Missions Secretary, Home Mission Board; and others including Southwestern Seminary faculty members.

The use of the church council in evangelism will be emphasized. Pastors, church staff members, Sunday school superintendents, training union directors, W. M. U. and brotherhood presidents are invited. R. Othal Feather is chairman of the faculty.

New Youth Worker

OKLAHOMA CITY—Hugh E. Willoby, pastor of Walker Avenue Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, will become youth worker for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma beginning January 1. E. W. Westmoreland, secretary of Religious Education Department, has announced.

By late next year, the Connecticut Blue Cross will adopt a new communications data processing system which is so fast that the home office in New Haven can flash approval while a patient is still in a hospital admitting office. The Connecticut plan is the first to adopt the system.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

Jesus Prepares For Ministry

Mark 1:1-13

By Clifton J. Allen

With this lesson we begin a new cycle, 1963-1968. The first unit of this course is a study



of "Mark — Gospel of Action." This Gospel, the shortest of the four Gospels and perhaps the first one to be written, was written by John Mark,

son of Mary, whose home in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the early Christians. The scene and time of writing are not certain—perhaps Rome and probably about A.D. 58.

For a time Mark was a companion and helper of Simon Peter. This Gospel reflects the content of Peter's preaching. It is a vivid and gripping account of the life and work of Jesus, with emphasis on his mighty deeds and redemptive mission.

How were Jesus' experiences in youth and early manhood related to his public ministry? What entered into his preparation for his divine mission? What can we learn from his experience to help us be prepared for life's mission and for the crises of opportunity?

THE LESSON EXPLAINED THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST (v.1)

This verse is a sort of introduction. Mark is going to write the good news about Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God. There will be emphasis on both his humanity and his deity. He will be portrayed as one "who went about doing good," preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and healing every manner of disease. His miracles and his teachings—and even more, his compassion and courage and sinlessness—declare that he is able to forgive sin, to overcome Satan, and to execute judgment.

THE FORERUNNER (vv.2-8)

The voice of prophecy rang out in the wilderness of Judea as John the Baptist announced the imminent appearance of the Messiah. The religion of Judaism had degenerated into ritualism and legalism, devoid of moral conviction and spiritual reality. John's simplicity, zeal, and fearlessness created a sensation. Crowds of people streamed out into the wilderness to hear this rugged forerunner of the Messiah. He called upon them to turn from their sins in repentance. John baptized those who confessed their sins and gave evidence of repentance. The rugged character of the forerunner is indicated by his simple clothing and food. He denied the suggestion that he himself might be the Messiah but declared that the Mighty One, soon to appear, would baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit and thus prepare them for sonship and discipleship in the kingdom of God.

JESUS' BAPTISM (vv.9-11)

When the forerunner's ministry was at its height, Jesus came and asked to be baptized by John in the Jordan. Why? His purpose was to confirm the ministry of John the Baptist and identify himself as the fulfillment of John's announcement about the Messiah. He symbolized the central truth of his redemptive work—death, burial, and resurrection; he

symbolized also his unity with all who would believe in him and who through his salvation would experience death to sin and resurrection to a new life of holiness. Once again, Jesus' baptism was an open dedication to his mission as the Son of God. Jesus, the God-man, was launching into the greatest mission in human history: the demonstration of God in action, the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom of God, the exhibition of perfect righteousness in the face of evil, the redemption of the world by the sacrifice of the cross, and the conquest of sin and death by the power of the resurrection.

JESUS' TEMPTATION (vv.12-13)

Mark summarizes in one brief sentence the temptation experience in the wilderness. It was normal and necessary that Jesus be tempted, because he was perfectly human, as well as wholly divine; also, because this was a part of his identification with mankind. The temptation of Jesus was not self-conceived; it was not subjective imagination. Satan as a real person, the arch-enemy of God and the instigator of all evil and wickedness, tried to turn Jesus from the way to trust in God, from fidelity to his role as the Son of man, and from his purpose to achieve his kingdom by the way of the cross. We cannot fathom the mystery of Jesus' temptation, but we can know that Jesus came from the conflict unscathed, unblemished, sinless.

Truths to Live By

Jesus' preparation involved heroic struggle. — We should never think that Jesus' preparation for his earthly ministry was automatic. From early childhood to mature manhood, he was getting ready. This called for work, both physical and mental. His preparation called for the struggle to be pure and truthful and generous. If called for prayer and intense reflection and constant worship. It called for accepting responsibility and facing the baffling problems about divine sovereignty and human destiny.

Esso Foundation Gives \$3500 to MC

The Esso Education Foundation announced today that Mississippi College in Clinton has received a grant of \$3500 for the 1962-63 school session.

The award was presented to Dr. R. A. McLemore, president of the Baptist college, by R. W. Gemmer, Jackson area manager for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and John D. Exner, production manager.

In making the presentation, Mr. Gemmer indicated that the grant was unrestricted as to its use. The college has been the recipient of similar grants from the foundation in previous years.

The award to Mississippi College came as a part of the \$1,798,500 in grants given to colleges through the 1962-63 program of the foundation. M. J. Rathbone, chairman of the Esso Education Foundation, stated that the grants this year represent the eighth annual program of this kind by the foundation.

Jesus' preparation called for courage and self-control and faith.

Baptism has important meaning.—Of course, this refers to baptism according to the New Testament pattern. By this rite the believer in Christ makes a confession of his faith. He acknowledges his guilt for sin and declares that there has been true repentance. He declares that he has yielded himself to Christ in a spiritual commitment. He declares that his hope is grounded on the death and resurrection of Christ by which the grace of God has been experienced in the forgiveness of sin. We are constantly to remember the spiritual vows taken by our baptism and the binding obligations of our allegiance to our Lord.

Satan must be faced.—Satan is a real person, and he is our arch-enemy. He confronts us; he urges evil on us; he seeks to persuade us to disobey God, to reject Christ, to ignore judgment, and to submit to passion and covetousness and pride. No person can achieve moral excellence or follow Christ or do the will of God without resisting Satan at every turn and rejecting the promises and the threats of his deceit.

DEACONS PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. NELSON

The deacons of Clinton Church, Rev. Russell M. McIntire, pastor, adopted a "letter of appreciation" on December 9 for the life of the late Dr. D. M. Nelson. Dr. Nelson was President Emeritus of Mississippi College at the time of his death and was a deacon of the Clinton Church.

In part, the letter read: "Without attempting to evaluate every phase of his activities, we would like to express our appreciation for his contribution to his church and for his example of Christian state-ship as a deacon."

"We wish to mention three areas in which his influence was most strongly felt by us as deacons."

"First, his consistent loyalty to the total effort of the church as evidenced by his presence at and participation in all worship services, Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, and deacons' meetings."

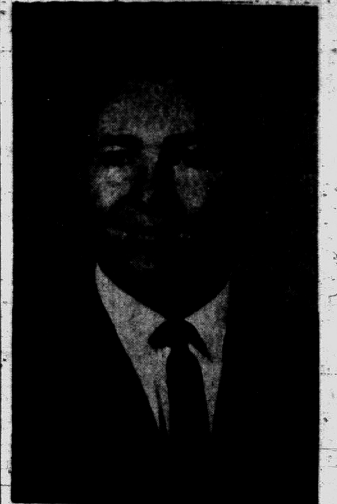
"Second, his dynamic forward looking counsel in the promotion of a church program adequate for the needs of our ever growing and increasingly complex community."

"Third, his role in the training of Christian leaders who have in turn contributed not only to the life of our local church but also to Christian leadership throughout the nation."

Jack Shuler Dies

VAN NUYS, Calif. (EP) — Evangelist Jack C. Shuler, 44 died suddenly in Van Nuys, California on December 10.

Doctors said his death, caused by bronchiectasis, came in the early morning shortly after midnight. Shuler died in an apartment here in which he and his wife had moved only several weeks before. He is one of four sons of Dr. Bob Shuler, a retired Methodist minister who for many years served famed Trinity Methodist Church in Los Angeles. The evangelist had held meetings in this area and was known by many Mississippians.



NASHVILLE — J. D. Dawson, formerly stock room supervisor of the Jackson, Miss., Baptist Book Store, has been named by the Sunday School Board as manager of the Denver, Colo., store. He will succeed Mrs. Osella Hawkins Jan. 1 following her retirement. The Sunday School Board operates 47 of these stores throughout the nation.

Wascom Goes To Alabama

Earl Wascom has resigned as minister of religious education at the Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, to accept the call of the Eastern Hills Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

Earl's last service with Oakhurst was the Christmas music program on December 16.

Dr. F. K. Horton is the pastor.

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Names In The News

Mrs. Martin L. Wall, mother of Mrs. Ralph V. Calcote, missionary to Japan, died December 8. Mrs. Calcote, who is now on furlough, may be addressed at 1600 Easy St., Yazoo City, Miss. She is the former Gena Wall, of Natalbany, La.

Rev. and Mrs. George C. Canoner, missionaries to North Brazil, arrived in the States December 7 for four-month following their first term of service. They may be addressed at 5939 Clinton Blvd., Jackson 8, Miss. He is a native of Jackson; She is the former Betty Ray, of Oxford, Miss.

Miss Dorothy Latham, missionary to Equatorial Brazil, is returning to the States for furlough following her first term of service. She may be addressed, c/o W. L. Latham, Knoxville, Miss. Miss Latham is a native of Rosedale, Miss.

Rev. Gerald Riddell, missionary to Chile, was guest speaker on Wednesday evening, December 18, at First Church, Tupelo.

Rev. and Mrs. John E. Ingouf, missionaries to Indonesia, have moved to Surabaya (Address: D.J.L. IR. Anwar 12, Surabaya, Java, Indonesia) from Bandung. He is a native of Shreveport, La.; she is the former Glenn Green, of Decatur, Ala.

Miss Virginia Mathis, missionary on furlough from the Philippines, has moved to Twin City, Ga. (Address: C/o J. F. Mathis), from Nashville, Tenn. She is a native of Boyce, La.

Rev. Calvin C. Inman has resigned the pastorate of Evergreen Church, Route 5, Louisville, to accept the pastorate of the Sardis Springs Church, Route 1, Athens, Alabama, effective January 1. The Inmans moved to Athens December 31, 1962.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil F. Roberts, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, may now be addressed at Box 300, Yaba, Nigeria, West Africa. Both are natives of Meridian, Miss.; she is the former Marie Coyle.

Supreme Court Acts In Liberty Cases

WASHINGTON (BP)—Sabbath observance and conscientious objection to military service claimed the attention of the United States Supreme Court.

1. Upheld (8-1) the constitutionality of Kentucky's Sunday closing law. The court saw "no substantial federal question" in the fact that the law exempts from its provisions members of religious faiths who keep a day other than Sunday as their sabbath.

2. Agreed to review a South Carolina state Supreme Court decision involving employment on Saturday of a member of the Seventh Day Adventist faith. The South Carolina court said that the person must accept work on Saturday, even though it violates religious belief or forfeits rights to state unemployment compensation.

3. Agreed to look into the question of whether the federal courts have the right to review findings of fact on which a local draft board bases a decision to deny a claim for conscientious objection. In this case the appeal was from a pacifist member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Sullivan, Ill., commonly called Harshmanites.

Dismissed Appeal

In the Kentucky Sunday closing case the court dismissed the appeal for lack of a constitutional issue. The case involved the owners of three stores who employed persons in their business on Sunday.

Mountain Breeze Is Off The Press

The Fall issue of The Mountain Breeze, student literary journal of Blue Mountain College, is off the press. It is a very attractive issue, and includes eight creative works of prose, eight original poems, one drama, and three separate Department contributions.

Miss Martha Kirk Wofford, Drew, is editor of the Mountain Breeze.

Kentucky law forbids Sunday work "for profit or amusement" with certain exemptions for household duties, works of necessity, charity and public service. It also exempts from penalty "persons who are members of a religious society which observes as a sabbath any other day in the week than Sunday."

In 1961 the Supreme Court upheld the validity of Sunday laws in a series of decisions. By its "per curiam" (by the court) order the Supreme Court indicated that it had already made its decision on the subject in previous interpretations of the law.

Information Is Sought For 1962 State Annual

Final listings are being made for the sections in the 1962 State Convention annual on "Other Ordained Ministers" and "Retired Ministers."

The annual will go to press soon and anyone knowing of ministers who should be in either group and who are not listed in the 1961 Annual, please write to Rev. L. Gordon Samsing, Associate Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Miss.

CENTRAL HEARS MISSIONARY

Rev. Ralph Calcote, missionary to Japan, was in charge of the Sunday night service, December 16, 1962, at Central Church, Yazoo County. The services consisted of slides and information concerning Rev. Calcote's work in Japan for the past eleven years. Rev. Calcote concluded with a challenge to everyone to serve God while the opportunity prevails.

"A warm spiritual feeling was shared by all that attended, including members of five of the surrounding churches," says Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor.

Shall He Find Faith On The Earth?

By Rev. R. E. Kysar
First Church, Rolling Fork

"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8.

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." Revelation 4:4-5.



Jesus came to earth in the flesh many years ago. He found some eager and prepared hearts, but many that were not. If He should, walk our streets again, as he surely shall some day, what would he find? He will find faith that will not die.

There are always some who keep faith alive. They are rightly defined as definite assets to the church. They attend, they pray, they give, they manifest Christlike concern. It also seems, and sadly so, that some are liabilities. Not all who deck the rolls can be credited with keeping faith alive. If all were like some, how the Lord would be magnified. If all were like others, would faith not die? Such was the problem in one of the earliest New Testament churches.

John in writing to the church at Sardis dealt with the problem of Deceptive Appearance. Evidently superficial people praised the church at Sardis. Seemingly there were visible signs of prosperity in the church. What met the eye could be interpreted as to call forth words of praise. Yet, the one who looked beyond appearance to the heart found something very different. It was as if he heard the rattle of dead men's bones.

The church at Sardis had to learn a lesson, for "thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." The thought that you can be dead without knowing it is terrible.

We also find generous praise as well as sharp rebuke. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments, and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy."

It might seem that nothing is less possible than to walk through this world without soiling our garments, and yet to those praised here, that is precisely what is said about them.

Those who are praised are far from the Pharisee who would boast that he was not as others. How often we meet people who are so full of the goodness of God that they inspire and give moral reassurance to all who meet them. Strangely enough, this goodness is something of which the possessor is entirely unaware. The big problem in many a life is that of keeping one's garments clean and not becoming a Pharisee in the process.

He will find faith when He comes for there are some who keep faith alive. "Thou hast a few names—" "they shall walk with me—" "I will confess his name before my father." We must accept God's Grace, follow God's plans; heed God's laws, and seek God's strength if we would be among those who keep faith alive.

Georgia Baptists Extend Ministries

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee voted to extend its state missions ministry into the state prison and the mental hospital, one of the nation's largest.

The committee approved a record state missions budget for 1963, which includes appropriations for two new chaplains.



JOSEPHUS BOWL CHAMPS. The Mississippi Club touch football team recently defeated Alabama 13-7 in the annual Josephus Bowl in the classic climax of the fall season intramural sports activities at Southern Seminary in Louisville. Team members pictured above are: front row, left to right: Mike Moore (West Palm Beach, Fla.); Tommy Starkes (Lubbock, Texas); Benny Curtis (Jackson); Bob Cahoon (Hollywood, Fla.); Barry Lanrum, (Laurel); and James Green (Eutaw, Ala. Back row, left to right: Dorsey Deaton (Memphis); Tommy Deaton (Memphis); Andy Lester (Coral Gables, Fla.); Buddy Revels (Hattiesburg); Harry Puryear (Kosciusko) and Tommy Fanning (Hickory). Half-time activities included a contest between two faculty teams, the Sadducees and Pharisees, and the crowning of King Ahab and Queen Jezabel.

Trend To More Lay Leadership Seen

MEMPHIS Tenn. (BP)—One of today's trends in the Southern Baptist Convention is the emerging of lay leadership, W. C. Fields, Baptist public relations executive, told Brotherhood leaders here.

This trend began in 1955, Fields said, when certain laymen asked the Southern Baptist Convention to study its entire program in an effort to make it more effective.

Today the convention bylaws call for the committees on boards, commissions, and standing committees to be composed of two members from state, one a lay person.

The bylaws further state that all convention committees, boards, and commissions shall include both ordained and lay persons as members. Not more than two-thirds of the members of any group should be drawn from either category.

The state Baptist conventions are now beginning to follow this same pattern, Fields said.

Fields, Public Relations Secretary for Southern Baptists' Executive Committee, dealt with religious trends in his major address at the annual three-day meeting of state Brotherhood leaders held here under the auspices of the Brotherhood Commission. Attending were 35 state brotherhood secretaries and their associates from 22 states.

Mentions Trends

Among trends fields mentioned were a growing interest by Baptists in biblical theology and Christian ethics and morality.

There's also a trend toward more sophistication among Baptists, he said. Each person or group desires to rise to the upper rung of the ladder.

Fields also told of a population shift from the country to the cities and from within cities to the suburbs.

"While we still have 15,000 Southern Baptist churches in open country, the new growth in churches is coming in urban areas," he said.

"But this has brought about a culture change in which the rather puritanical restrictions of country life have given way to the looser, gamier, less inhibited ways of the city," Fields said.

British electronic experts have developed a typewriter for paralytics that is activated by a system of blowing and sucking on a tube.

Mathematics experts have produced a teaching machine to help overcome a shortage of mathematics teachers. Known as Plato, it is an experimental machine with a screen and equipment manipulated by keys that enable up to one hundred children at a time to learn at their own rate from material flashed on the screen.

New Church Member Orientation Progress Report Is Presented

Nashville — A progress report of the program of new church member orientation was presented by Earl Waldrup to state Baptist Training Union secretaries in session at the Baptist Sunday School Board here recently.

Waldrup, director of new church member training, reported that nineteen study conferences have been conducted on the need and opportunity for new church member orientation.

Based upon the findings of these study conferences, a proposed program was developed and is now being tested by approximately fifty churches in six states, Waldrup said. The tests will be concluded March 31, and the program will be revised in line with the test experience.

Program Defined

Waldrup defined new church member orientation as a program by which a church intro-

duces new members into the fellowship they have joined. The purpose of the program is to provide a church with the means of dealing wisely with new members in preserving the purity and strength of its fellowship by (1) helping new members to understand the work of grace in conversion and Christian growth; (2) interpreting to them the nature, purpose, and functions of a church; and (3) motivating them to pursue opportunities of growth and service faithfully and intelligently.

A check list for setting up new church member orientation in Southern Baptist churches was distributed and discussed. Waldrup also presented the theological foundations of new church member orientation. He discussed the definitions of a church and church membership, the responsibility of a church to its members and the responsibility to a member to his church.

Goss Honors Rev. J. D. Walker

Goss Church has adopted a resolution of appreciation for Rev. J. D. Walker for his many years of leadership of the Goss Church and his service in many responsible places in Marion County Baptist Association.

The resolution expresses highest regard for Rev. Walker as "a gentleman, Christian pastor, and dedicated leader," and expresses admiration for his "tenderness of heart" and "wholesome sense of humor." The resolution stated, "Goss Church expresses to Brother Walker genuine love for his unselfish and dedicated ministry. We assure Brother and Mrs. Walker of our prayers and good wishes as God continues to lead them in His service."

Ruden Tours Communist Lands

BERLIN (BP)—Dr. Erik Ruden of Stockholm, president of the European Baptist Federation, completed a tour of the Soviet Zone of Germany after having visited the U. S. S. R., Poland and Bulgaria.

School of Nursing Caps Six Students

The School of Nursing of the Baptist Hospital, Asuncion, Paraguay, capped its six first-year students in a ceremony held September 15 at Villa Morra Baptist Church. The students had completed six months of intensive study, which enabled them to assume responsibility in supervised ward situations.

The school offers a three-year course parallel to that of three-year nursing programs in the States. It has graduated 25 nurses since its beginning in 1954. Miss Wanda Ponder, Southern Baptist missionary nurse, is director.

New evidence has supported the fact that Abraham Lincoln planned to become a member of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church on April 15, 1863, but was shot four days before. The proposed membership is supported by church records and an affidavit. The records show that Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln attended services at the church regularly and contributed to its support.

Search Started For R.A. To Address Congress

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Would you like to address a gathering of 6,000 boys in a national meeting at Washington, D. C.?

A Royal ambassador between 15 and 17 will get that opportunity at the third National Royal Ambassador Congress next Aug. 13-15.

The featured speaker will be chosen in competition among state representatives at Washington Aug. 11.

Plans for the competition were approved at a meeting of state Brotherhood and Brotherhood Commission personnel here.

The boy selected as the best speaker will give his eight-minute address at the opening session of the congress.

State Brotherhood leaders have agreed to oversee competition to select their state representative and to arrange for an expense-paid trip to Washington for the national contest. They also have contest rules for interested boys.

Boys will choose from four topics—"Christ and me in the Twentieth Century," "My Place in Today's World," "My Responsibilities to Christ," and "Sharing Christ in the Space Age."

One of Several Features

The address by a Royal Ambassador is one of a dozen features planned at the three-day congress for boys 12 through 17.

The boys also will be challenged through music, testimonies, dramatic presentations, dedications and addresses by outstanding Christian leaders, Edward Hurt, Congress director, said.

Purpose of the Congress, he said, is to deepen boys' concepts of Christianity, show them how they can relate their lives daily to Christ and to provide the boys opportunities to associate with Christian youths from other parts of the country.

Hiroyo Muramatsu of Tokyo, a Japanese inventor, has devised a telephone signal to let the caller know there is nobody home. When the subscriber goes out, he throws a switch. Thereafter a ring greets a caller with the sound of organ music. When the device is used in an office, it is desirable to substitute for the music a taped message giving the address of the proprietor.

The congress is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and state Brotherhood departments.

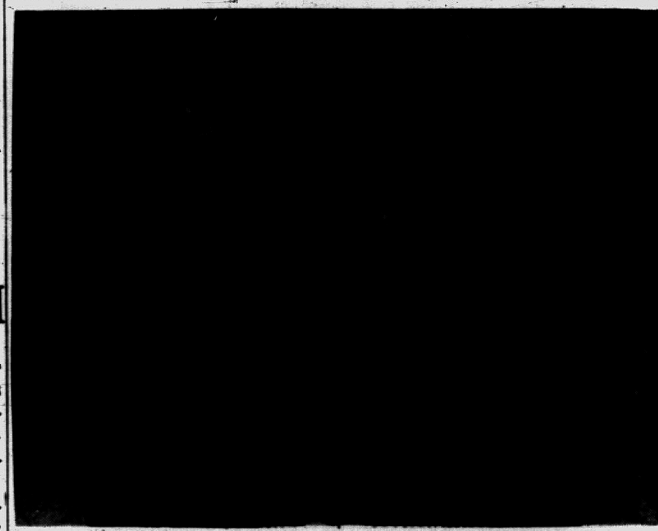
ABC ADOPTS TEST PROGRAM

CHICAGO (BP)—A psychological testing program has been put into use by the commission on the ministry, serving the American Baptist Convention.

Beginning Jan. 1, the program was to test pre-seminary students. The commission said it was going to use a United Presbyterian Church official to help launch the testing program.

The testing program is designed to help provide the necessary counseling for prospective seminary students which will lead students to better understand themselves and their potential as ministers.

The commission on the ministry coordinates the resources of the various agencies and boards of the American convention in developing ministerial leadership.



DR. WILLIAM LOWREY COOPER, left, greets Dr. Billy Graham.

Graham Visits Argentine Seminary

Foreign Mission Board member, Dr. Billy Graham, recently visited one of that Board's growing projects in Latin America, the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is shown with the president, Dr. William Lowrey Cooper, who has been the president since the beginning of the new seminary in 1950.

Dr. Graham was in Buenos Aires concluding a most successful campaign in Latin America. This tour included several large cities in Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina's three largest cities, Cordoba, Rosario and Buenos Aires where 2,000, 000 people saw and heard the preaching of the gospel by Dr. Graham on television: Sunday through Friday he preached to full houses in Luna Park (Buenos Aires' equivalent of New York's Madison Square Garden, but seating 30,000 persons). The last two days the meetings were held in San Lorenzo football stadium where 60,000 heard the gospel on Sunday afternoon. 4,442 decisions were reported. Dr. Graham's visit to the Baptist seminary was a delight to students and faculty.

Dr. Cooper, son of Dr. W. R. Cooper, long time pastor in Mississippi, was named as missionary in Argentina and professor in the seminary in 1950. He was educational director in Calvary Baptist church; Jackson, and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Moorhead, prior to going to the mission

field. Mrs. Cooper, daughter of Tom Tomlinson, also pastor for many years in Mississippi, including Griffith Memorial of Jackson, has been on the music faculty of the seminary since appointment in 1959. Dr. A. J. Glaze, another Choctaw from Pelahatchie, has been professor of Old Testament and Hebrew since his appointment in 1955.

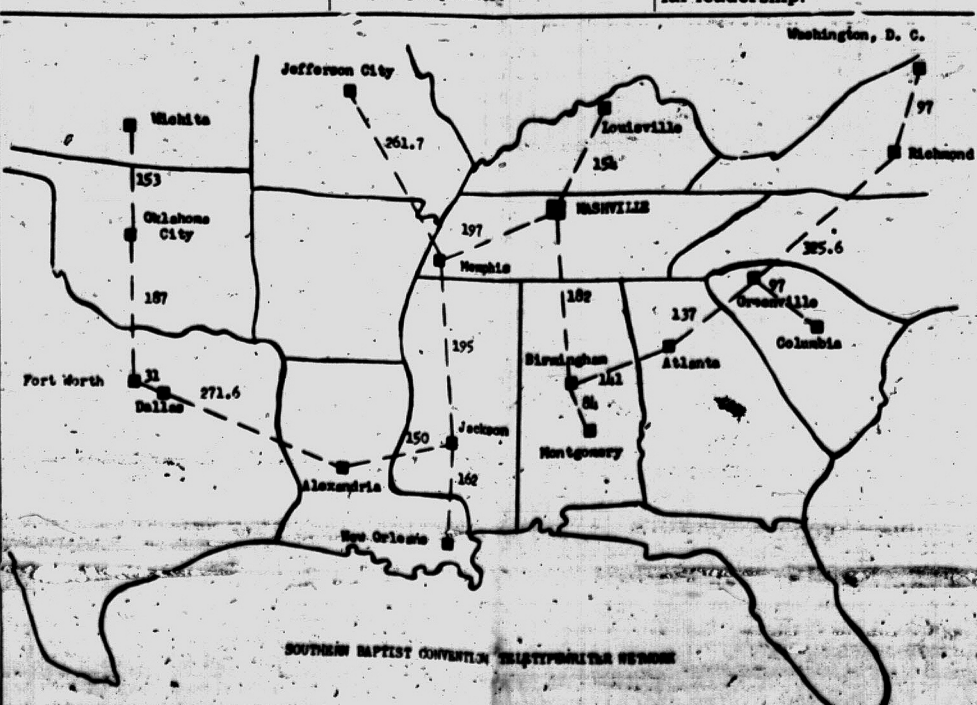
Hagler Takes Helm Of N. C. Division

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—Otis J. Hagler of Raleigh has been named director of the Division of Stewardship Promotion and Editorial Services for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Hagler has been interim Director for three months, following the death of Earle L. Bradley, who held the directorship.

Stetson Choir Aired By ABC

NEW YORK — (BP)—The American Broadcasting Co. (ABC) radio network featured Stetson University's 55-minute Christmas presentation of Handel's "Messiah" on a nationwide radio broadcast. About 300 of the 354 stations affiliated with the network carried the program. The Baptist school's presentation was directed by Harold M. Griffin, chairman of the voice department, Deland, Fla.



BAPTIST TELETYPE—The Southern Baptist Teletype Network, with two new states (three cities) joining Jan. 1, now includes 18 cities and 34 state Baptist and Southern Baptist Convention offices. Launched March 1, 1960, the circuit is believed to be the only leased wire circuit operated by a denomination in America. New locations are in South Carolina and Kentucky.—(BP) Photo